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PREFACE

TO ALL

Lovers of CATHEDRAL MUSICK.

AS I have always taken Notice how much the *Contrā-Tenor* and *Tenor Parts* are neglected in *chanting* of the *Pſalms*, &c. the Perſons who perform thoſe *Parts* being oblig'd to ſing any thing that comes into their Heads, for want of a true Copy of the *Chants*, is the Reaſon why I have ventur'd to publiſh theſe that I made for the Uſe of this *Cathedral*, by which means, the *Contra-Tenor* and *Tenor Parts* may not only be better ſung than they uſually are, but alſo, in caſe of thoſe Voices being miſſing, any other Perſon in the *Choir* will now have an Opportunity of ſinging either of thoſe *Parts*, in order to compleat the *Harmony*.

My Deſign in printing theſe *Chants*, is not to prevent the Uſe of the *old ones*, (many of which are exceeding fine, when ſung as they ought to be, in all the *Parts*,) but as at ſeveral *Choirs* it often happens, either for want of proper Voices, or a ſufficient Number of Perſons well-ſkill'd in Muſick, or from the too frequent Abſence of the Members thereof, that they commonly *chant* the *Te Deum*, *Jubilate*, and the other *Hymns*, conſequently the old *Chants* muſt come over very often; theſe therefore may ſerve as a Sort of Supplement to them, and be uſed for the Sake of Variety.

Every Judge of *Muſick* muſt know, that as *Chants* conſiſt of but few *Notes*, there will unavoidably be a great Sameneſs in ſome or other of the *Parts*, which I hope will be excuſed, eſpecially as theſe are not much more than half the Number I've compoſed for this *Church*.

In order to ſhew the Neceſſity for the Members of *Cathedrals* having their proper *Parts*, I have inſerted one exactly

exactly in the Manner I've heard moſt of them ſung, which is in *Eighths* or *Fifths* to the other *Parts*, and ſo as they end with a *Third*, *Fifth*, *or Eighth*, it is thought to be all mighty well.

May all thoſe who are ſo happy as to be the immediate Servants of *God's Houſe*, not only *ſing Praiſes luſtily unto the Lord with a good Courage*, but alſo *ſing Praiſes unto him with* Underſtanding, is the earneſt Prayer of,

Their Well-wiſher and Servant,

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John Alcock.

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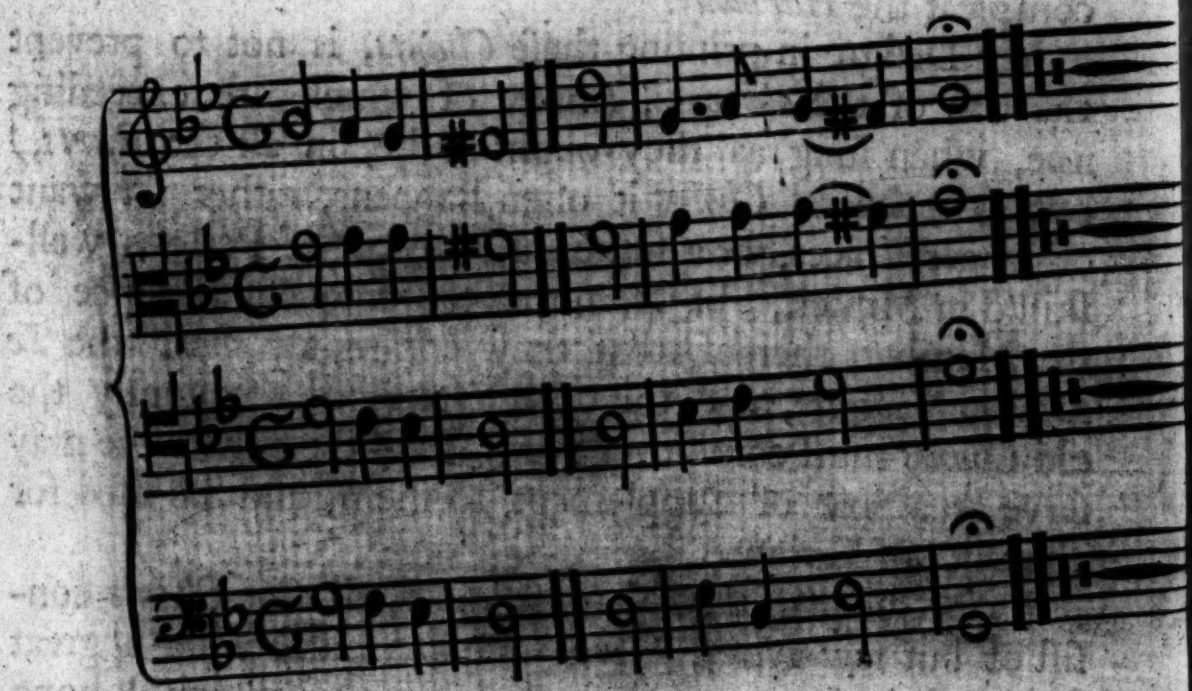

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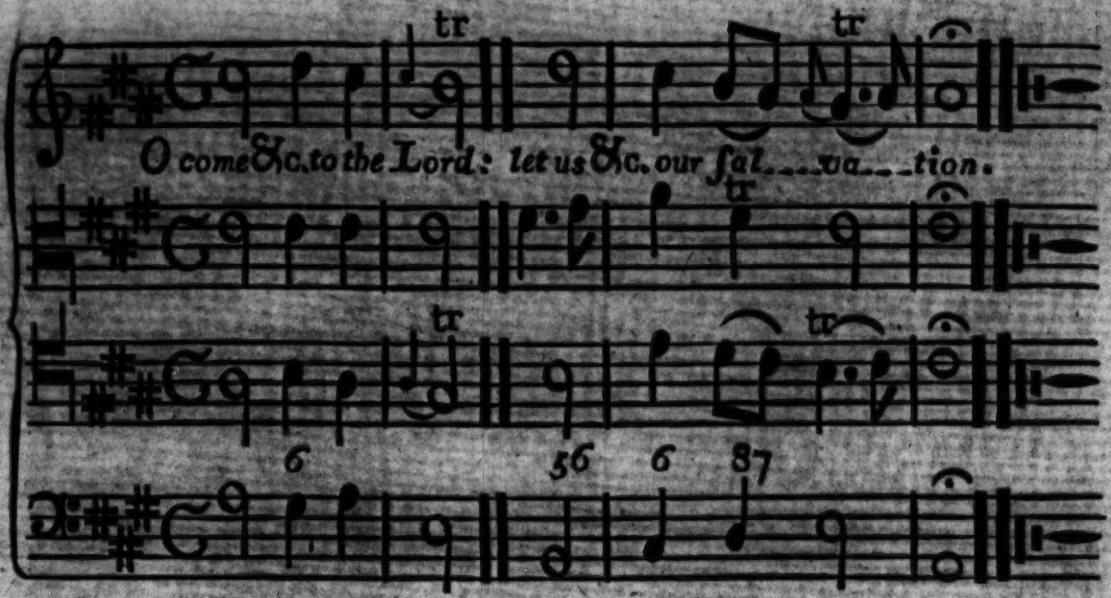

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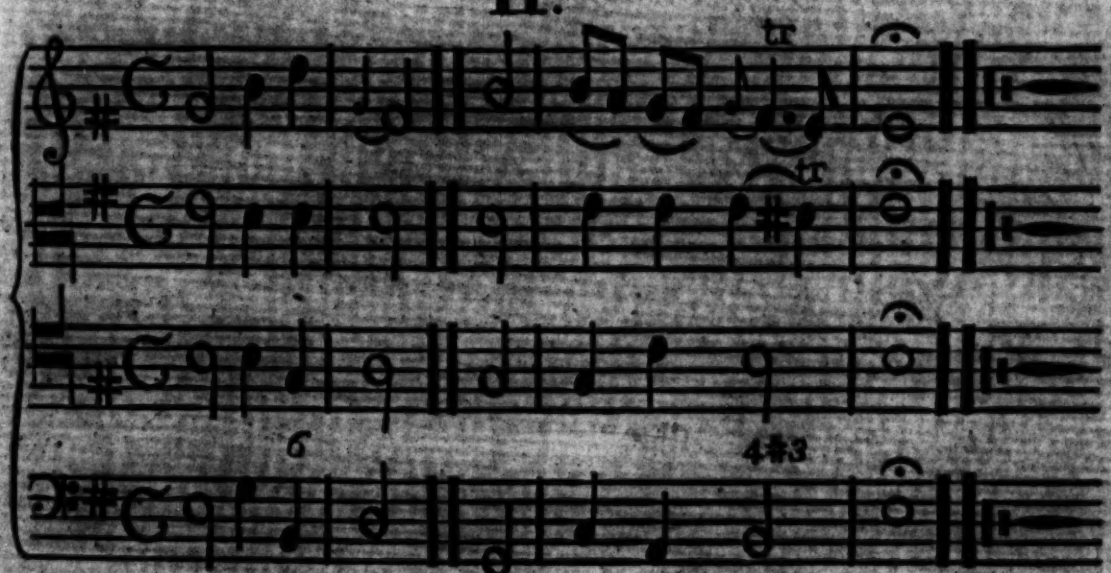

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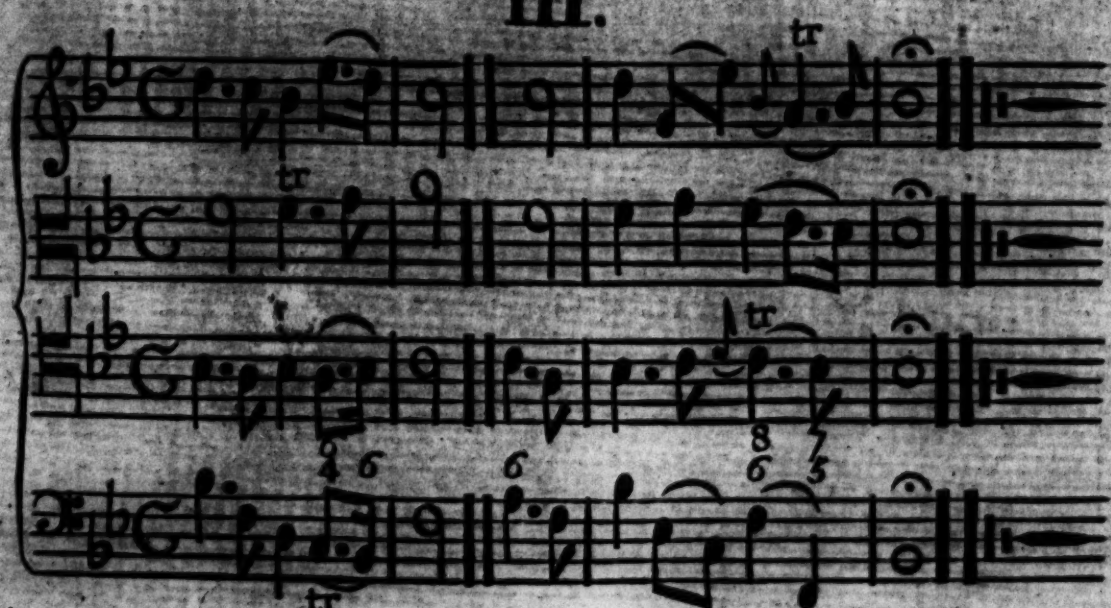

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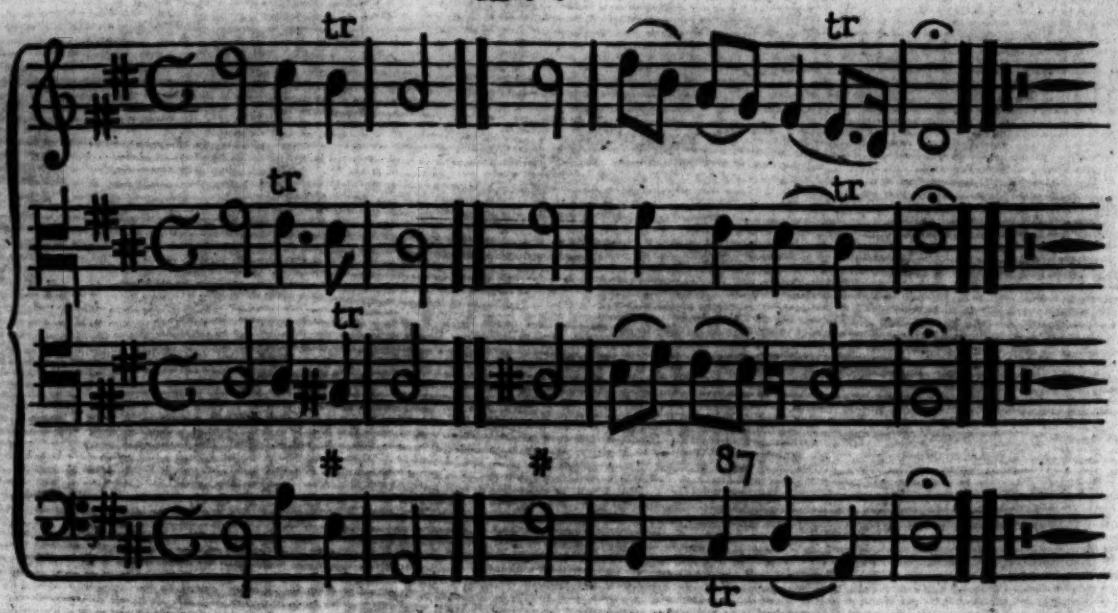

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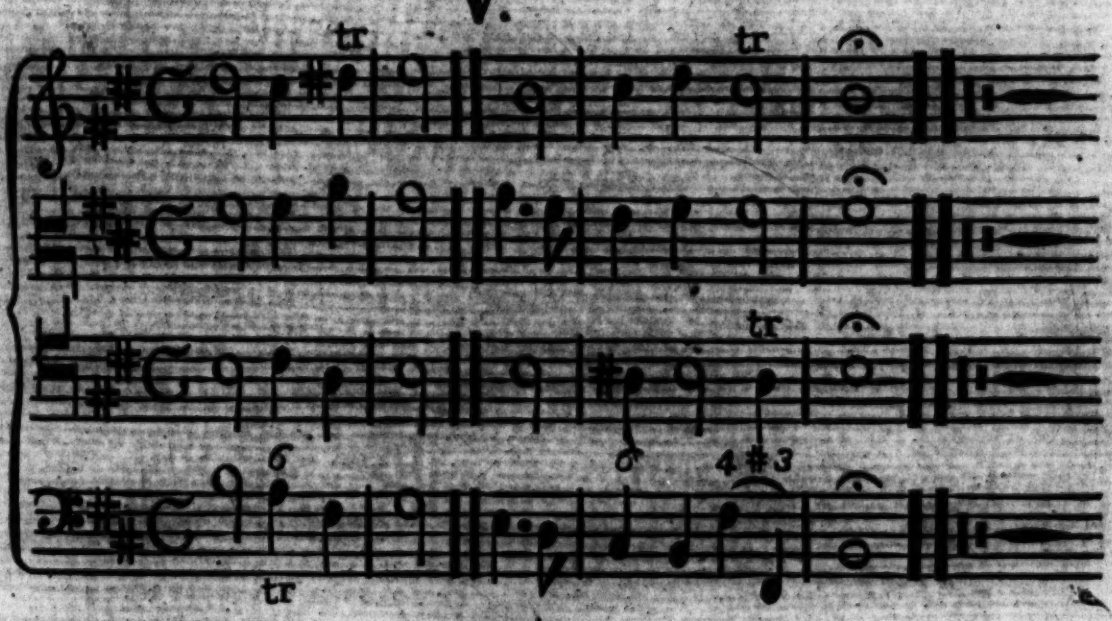

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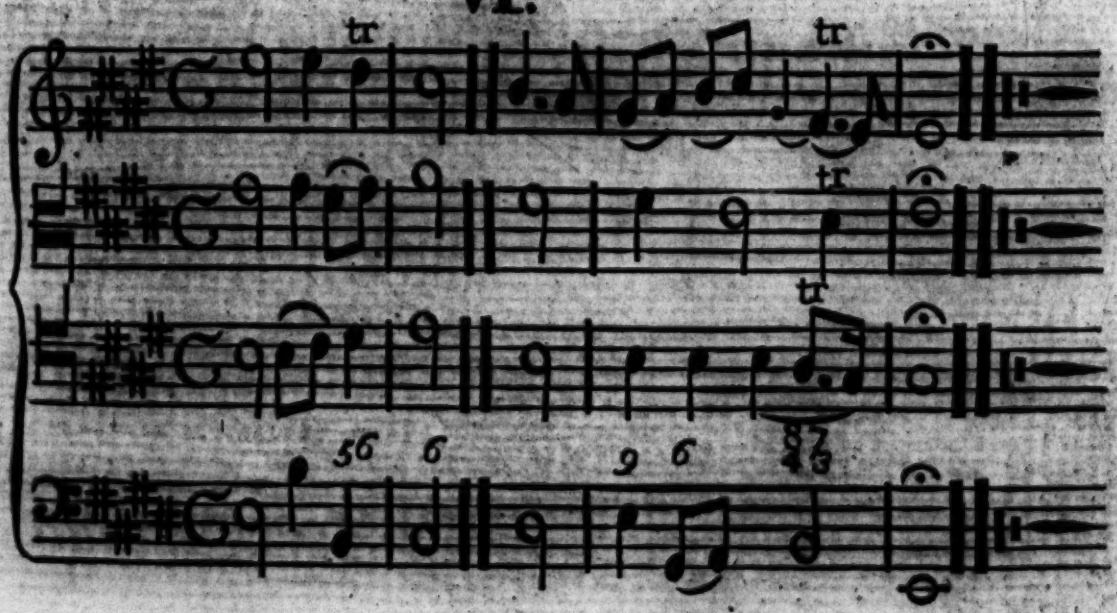

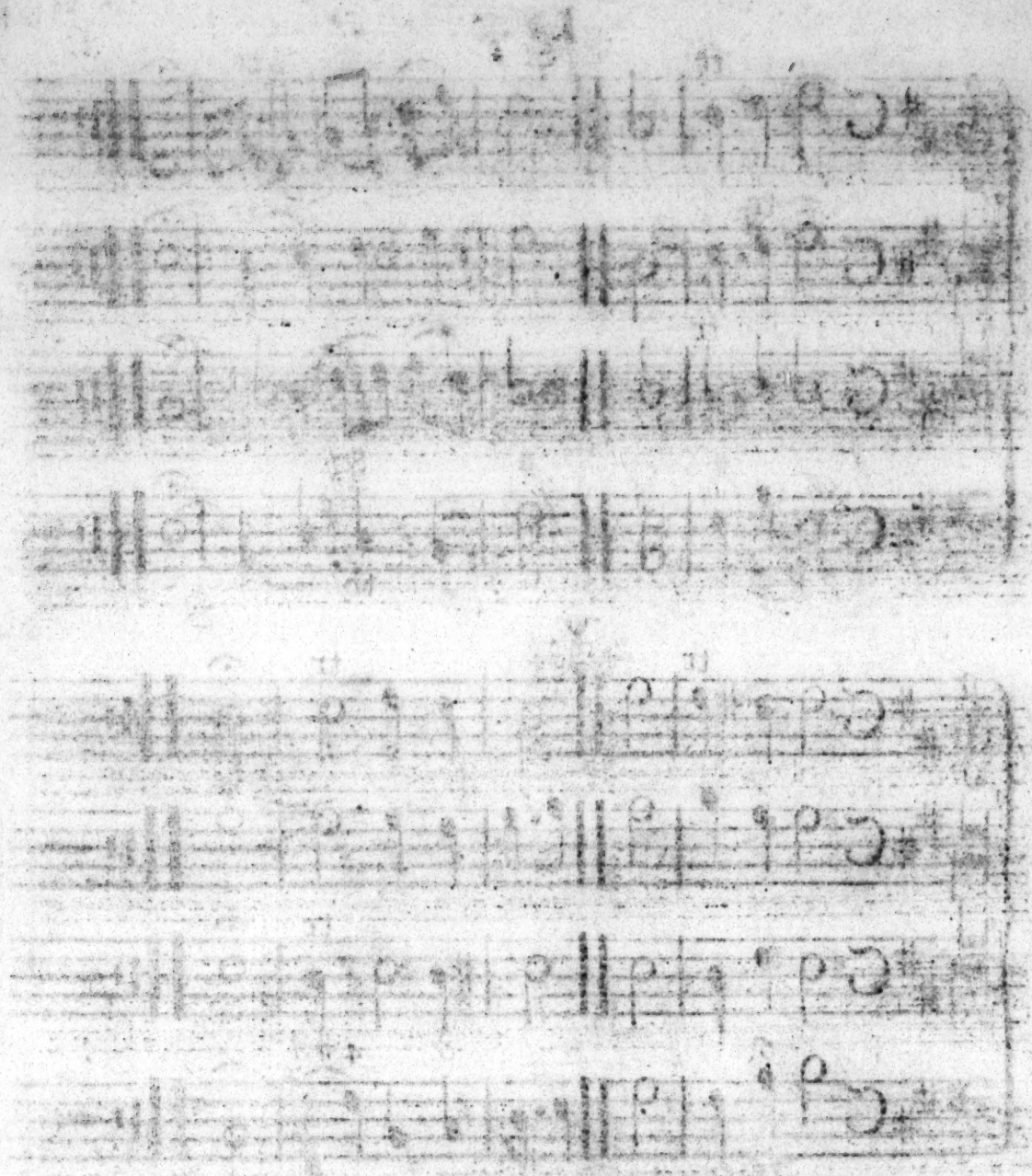

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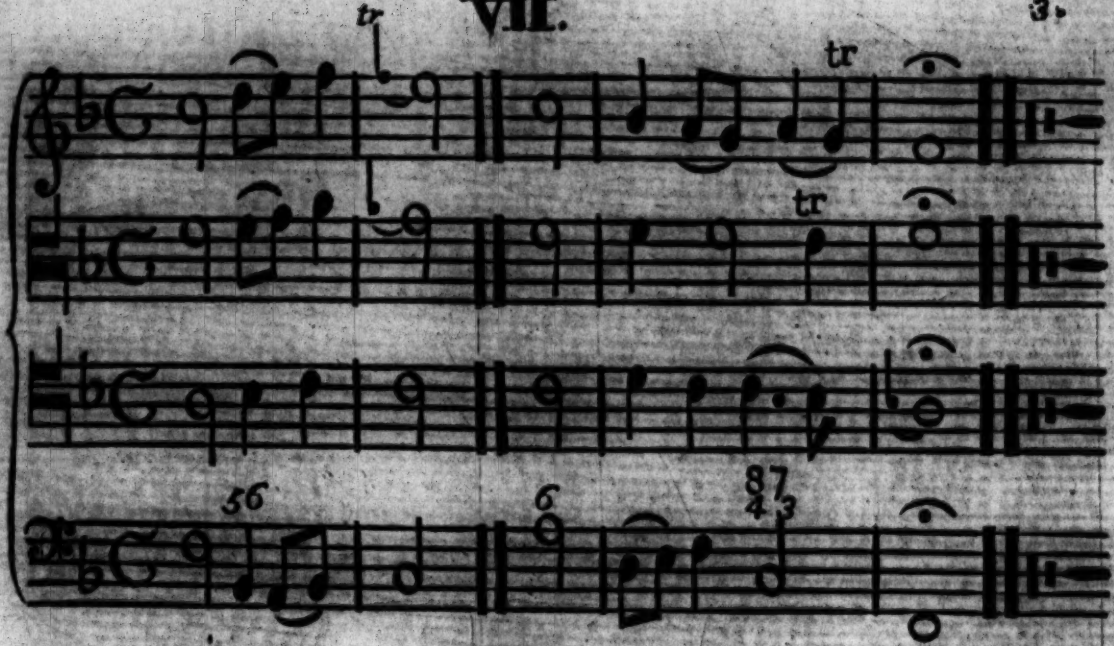

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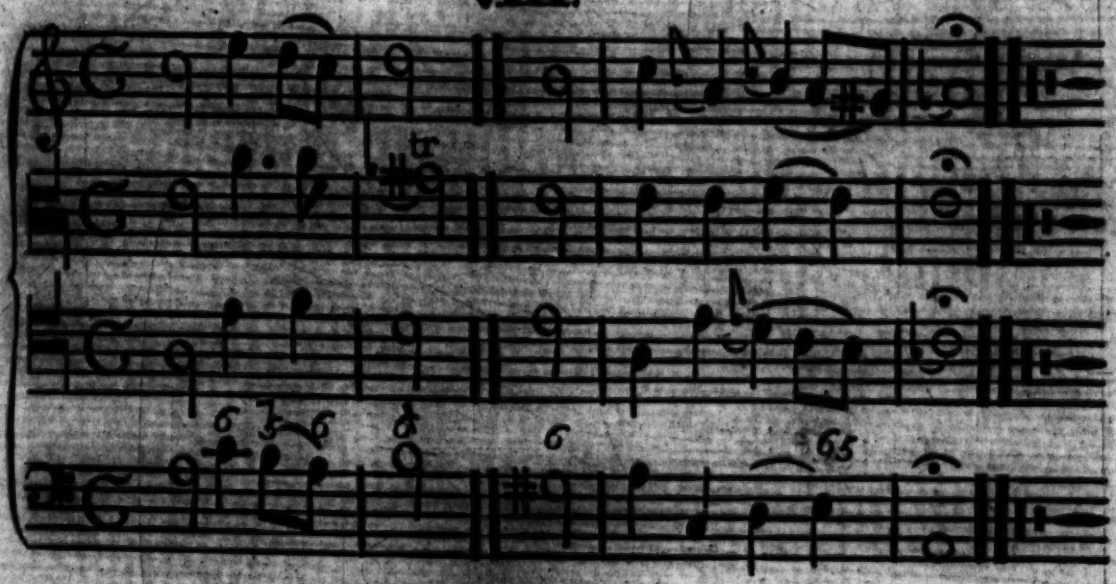

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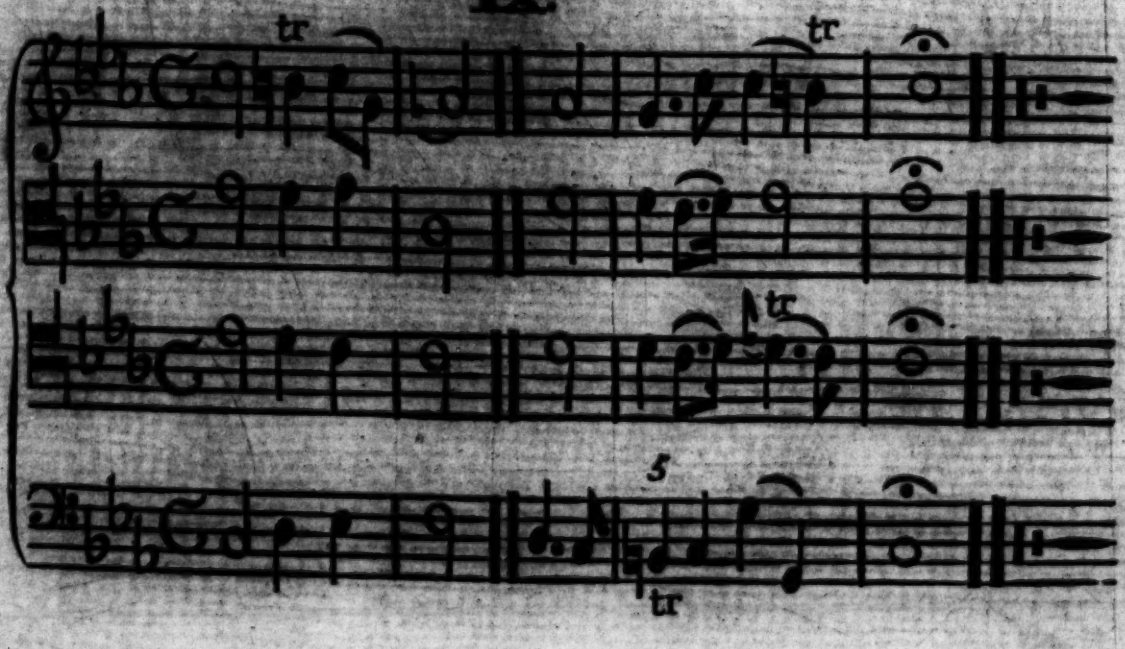

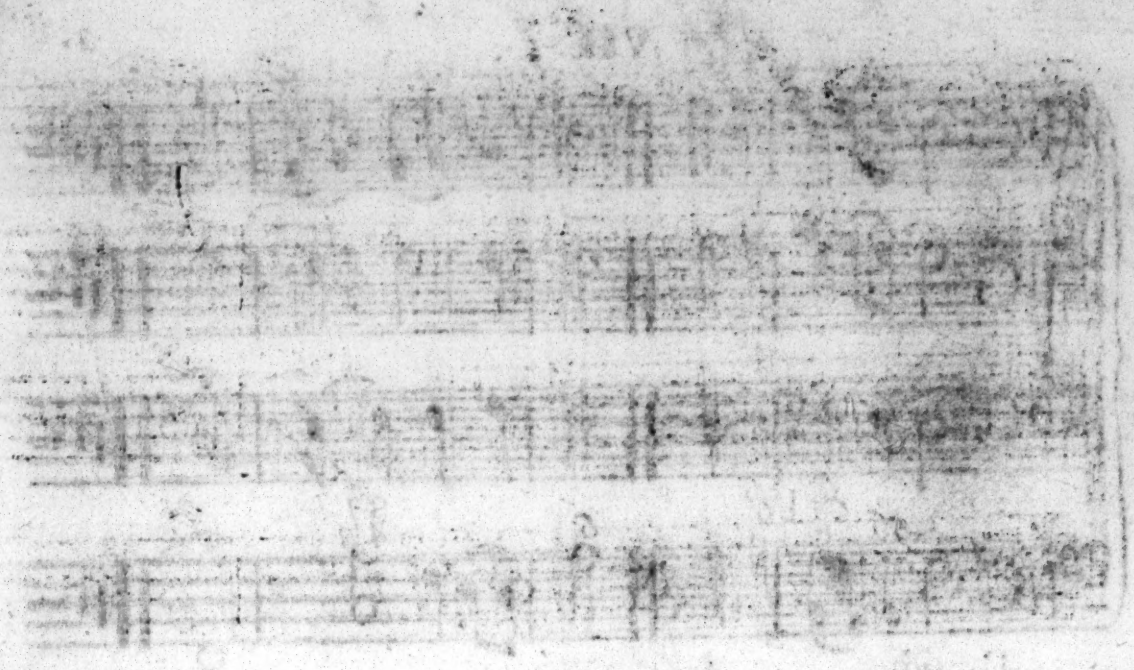

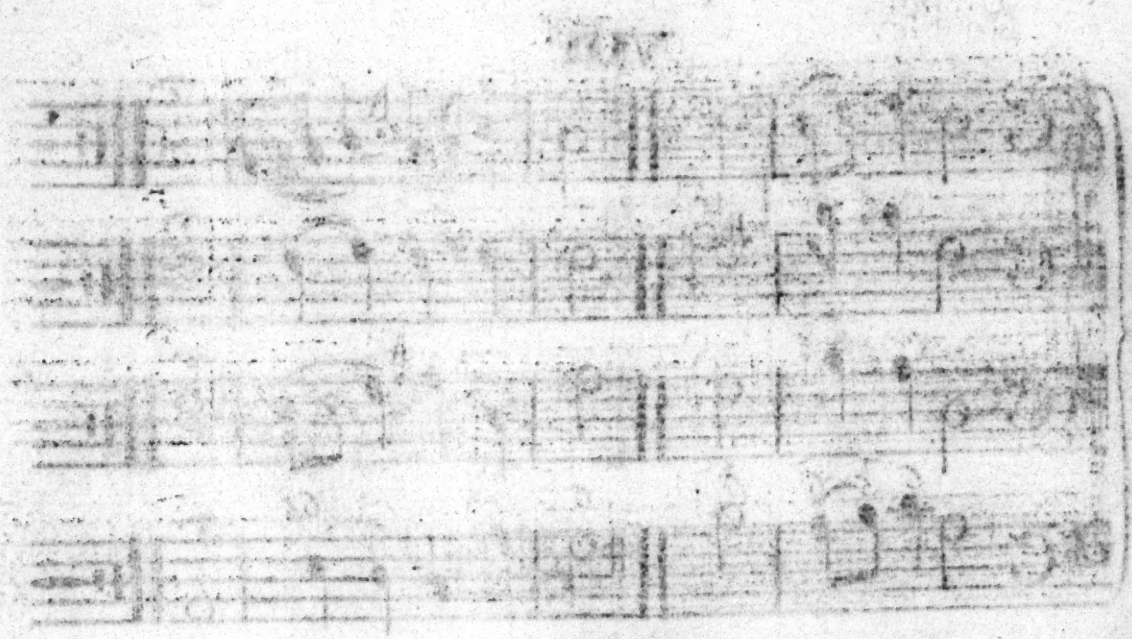

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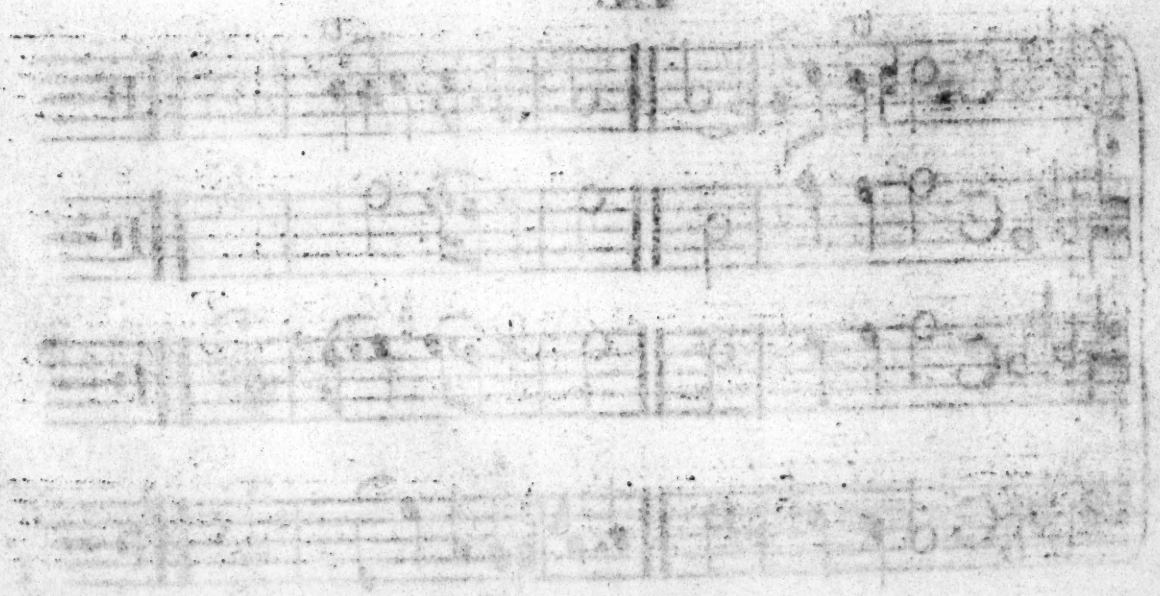

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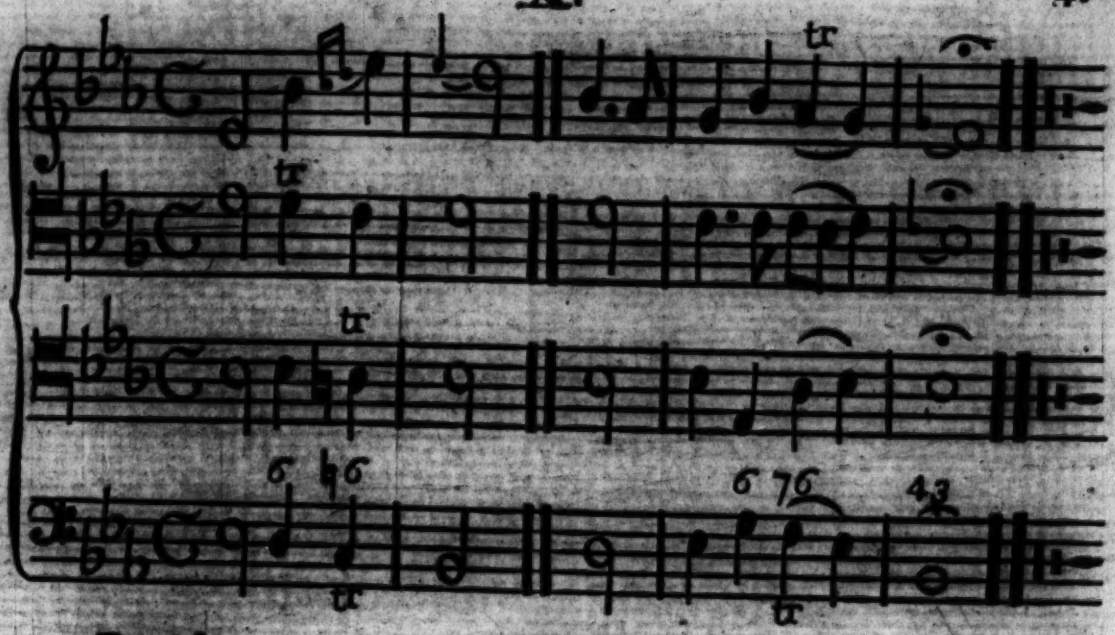

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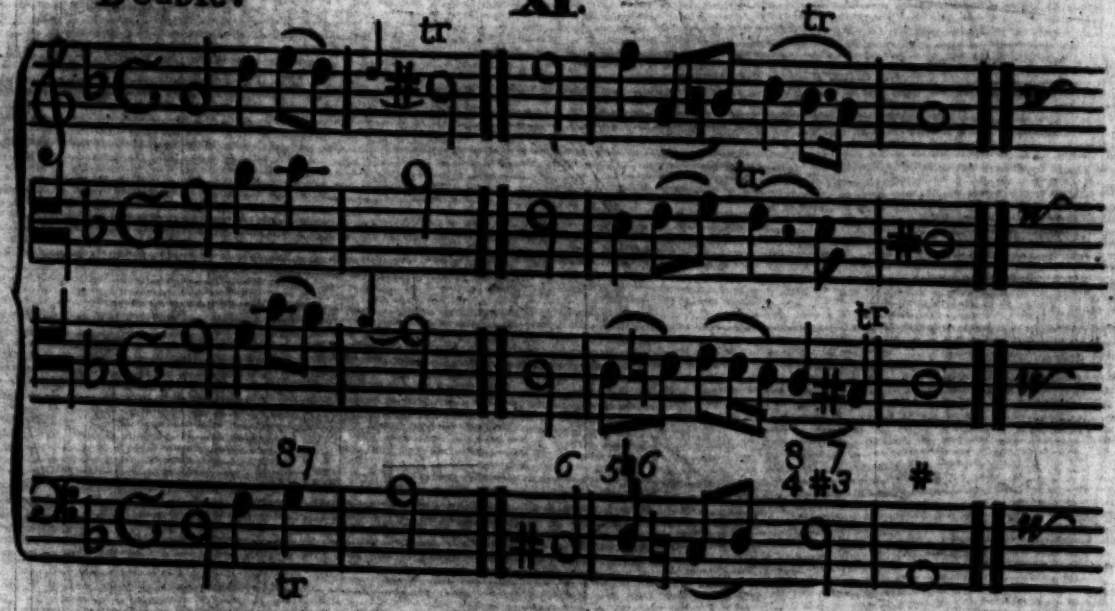

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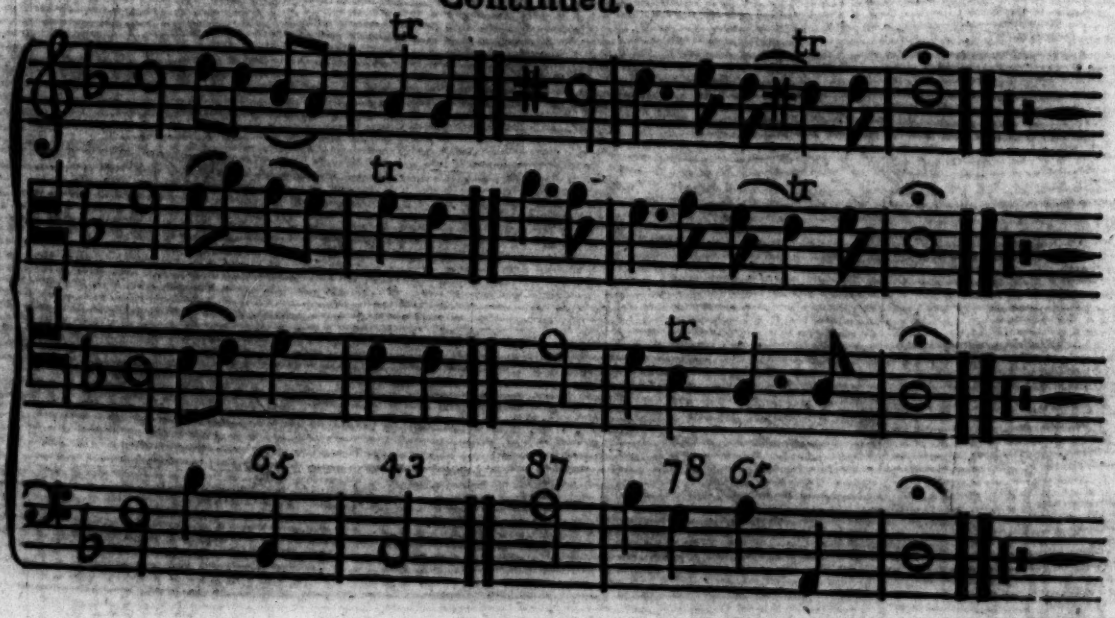

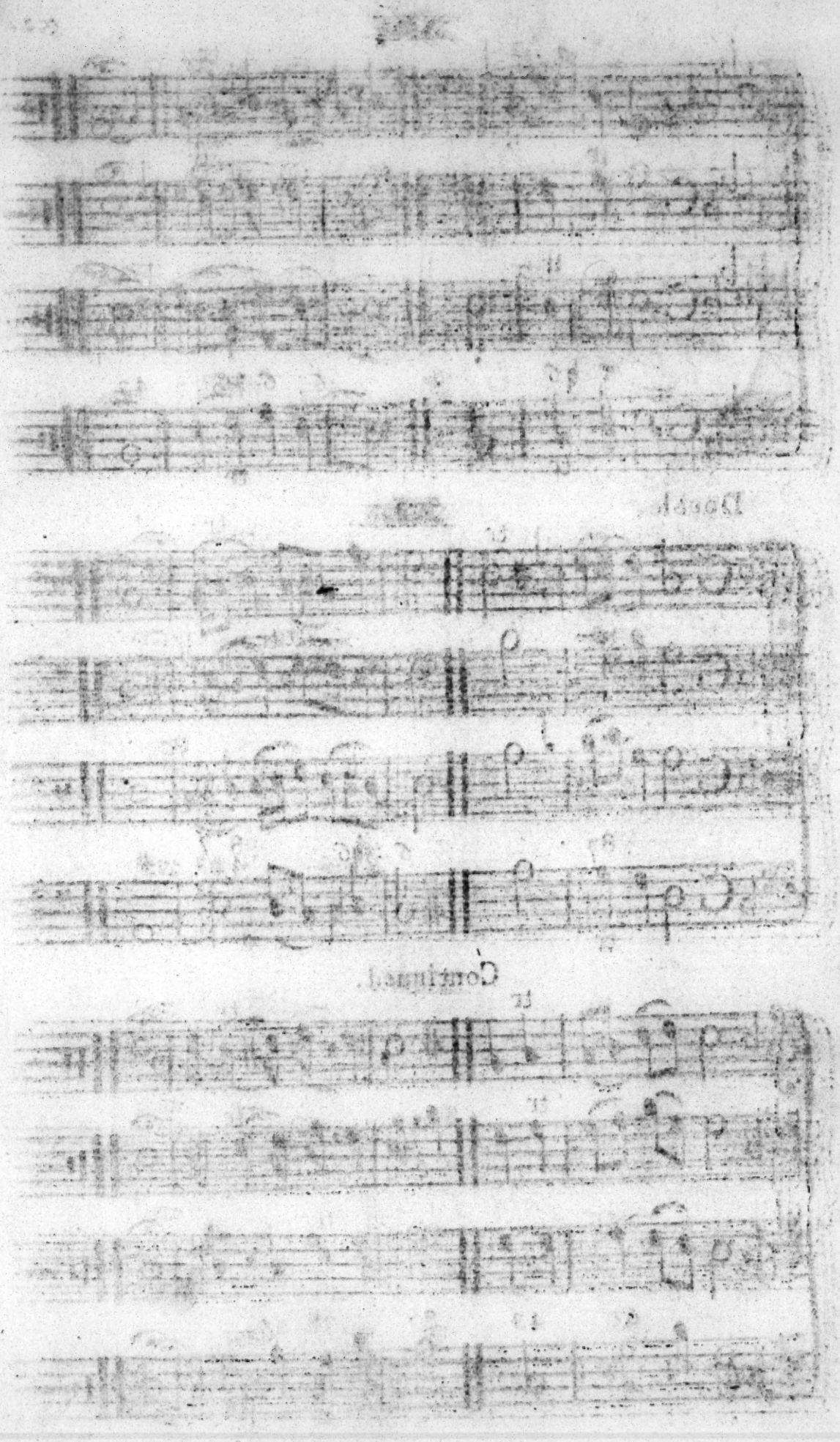

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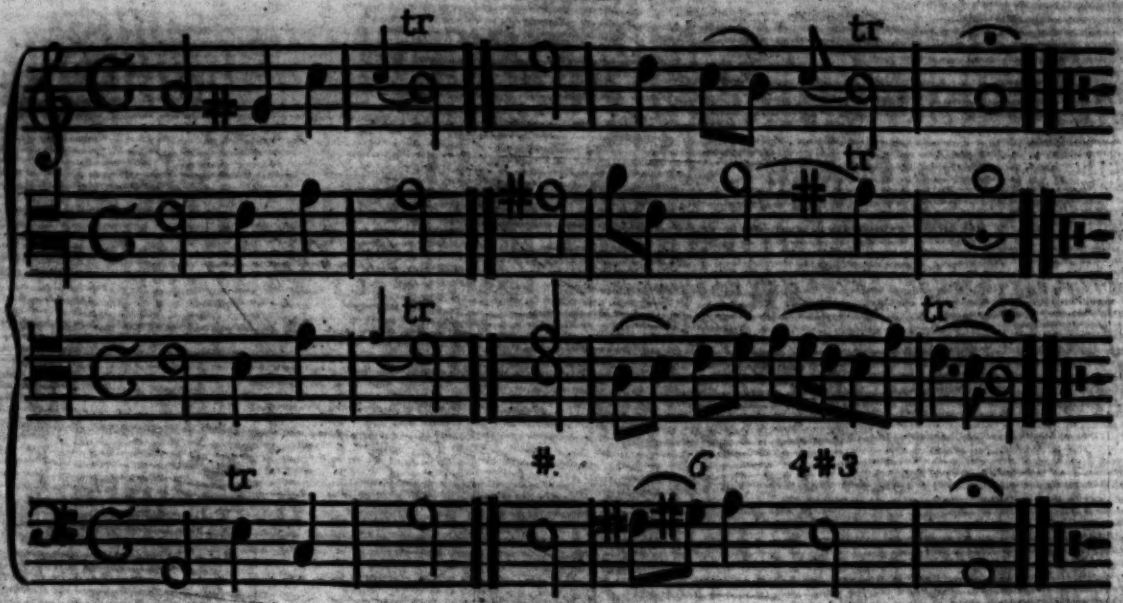

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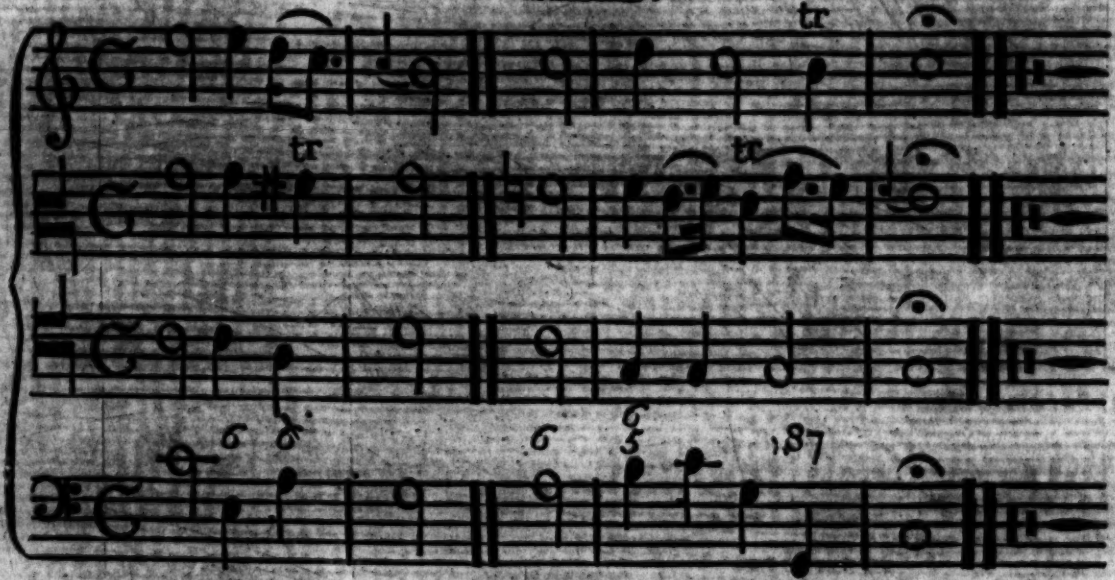

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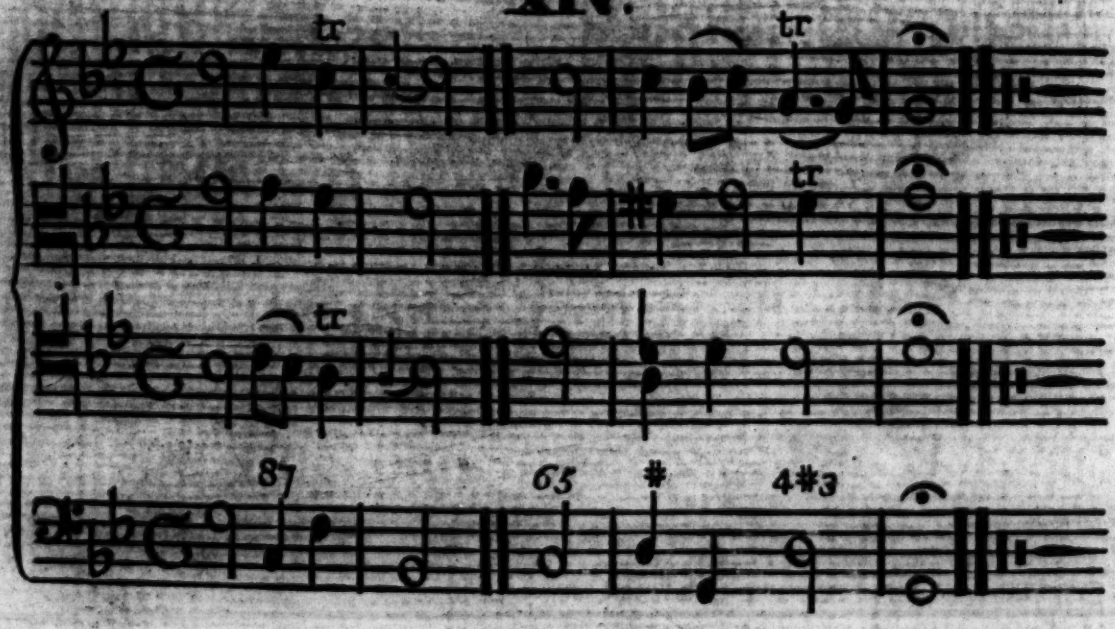

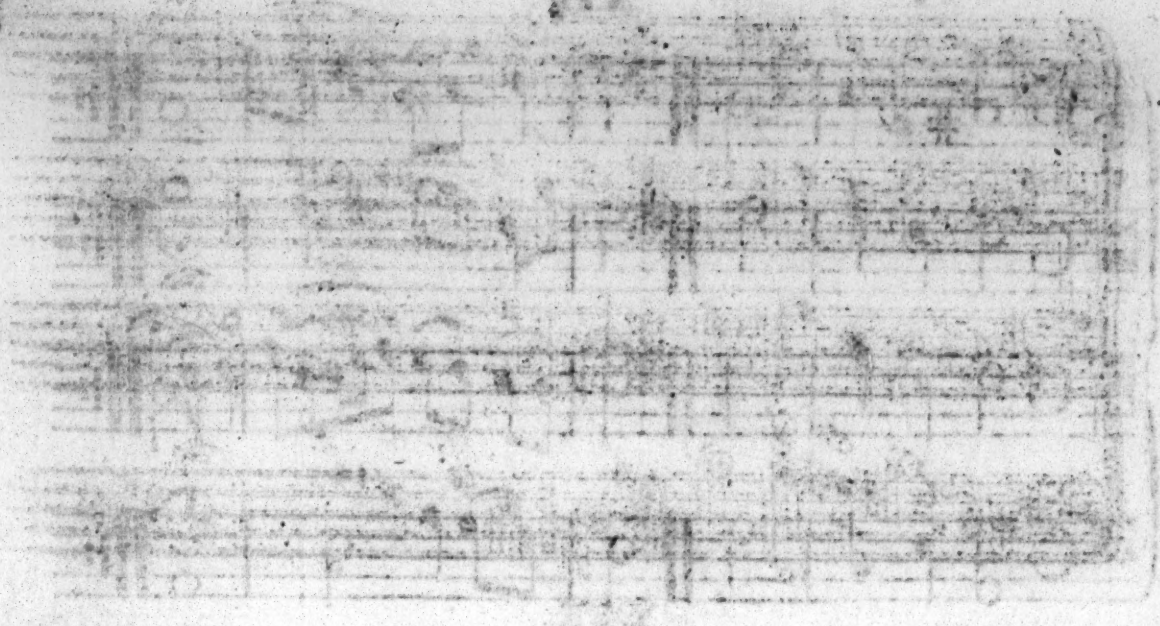

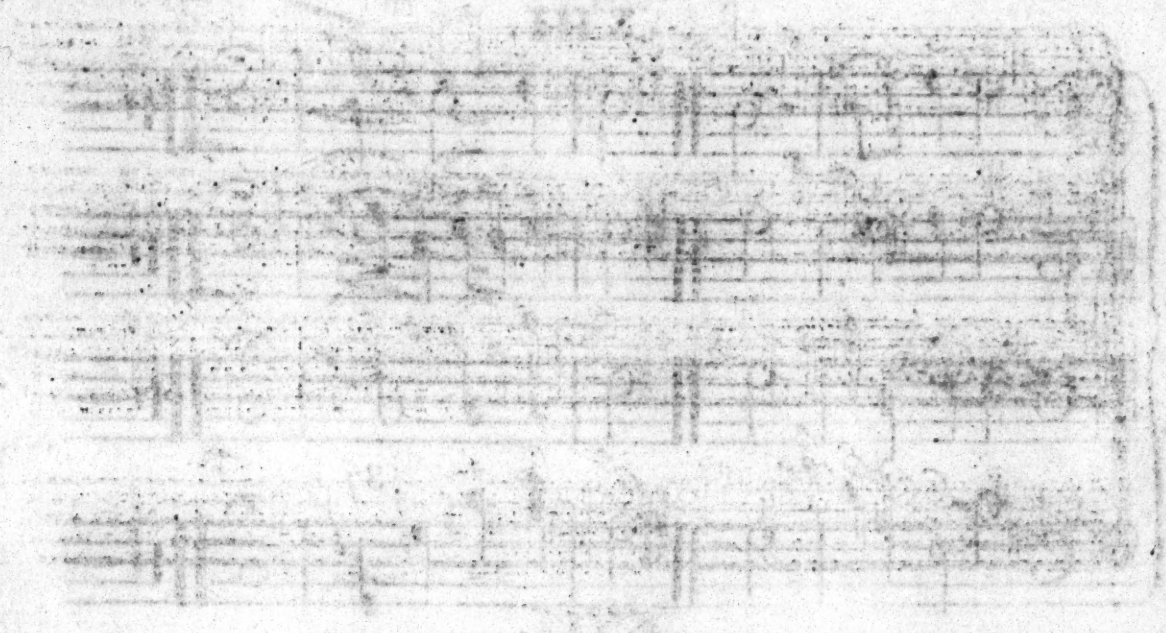

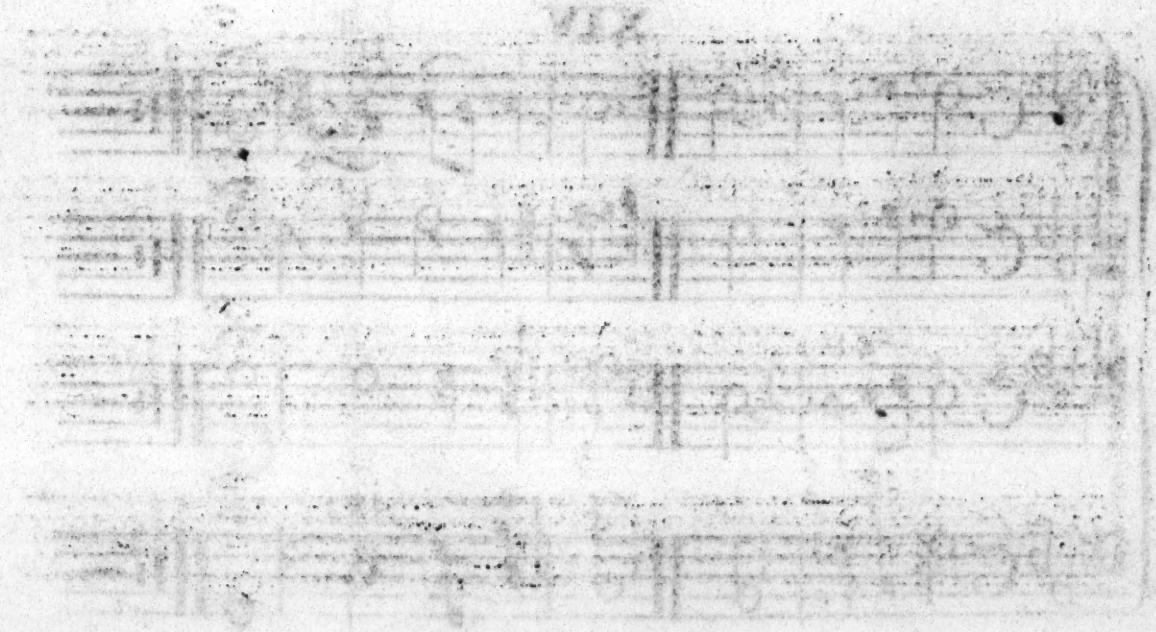

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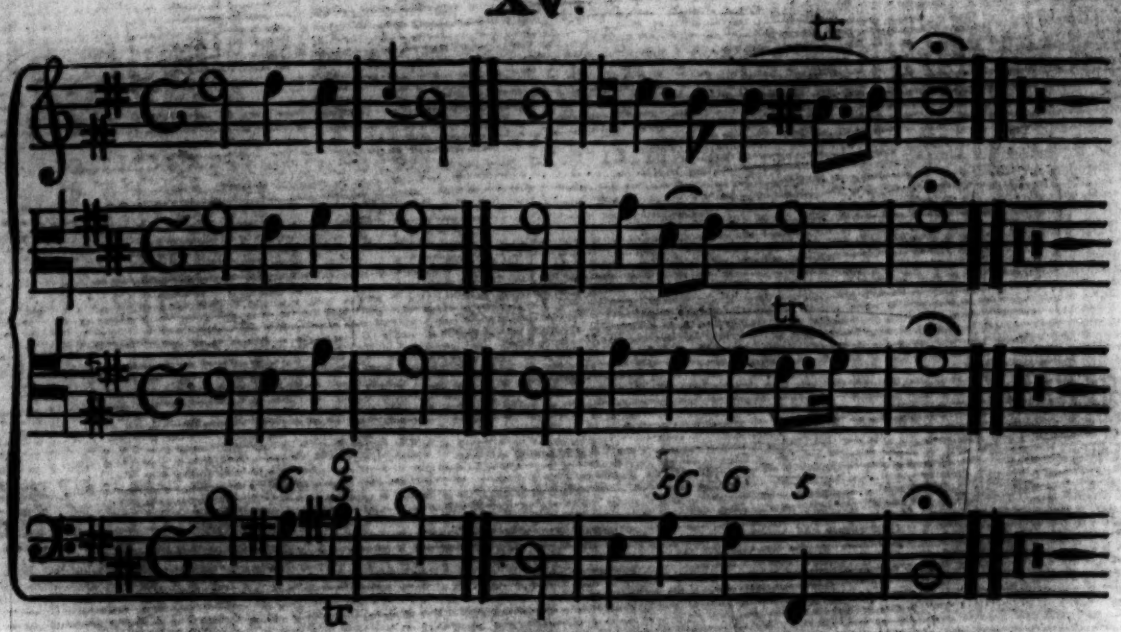

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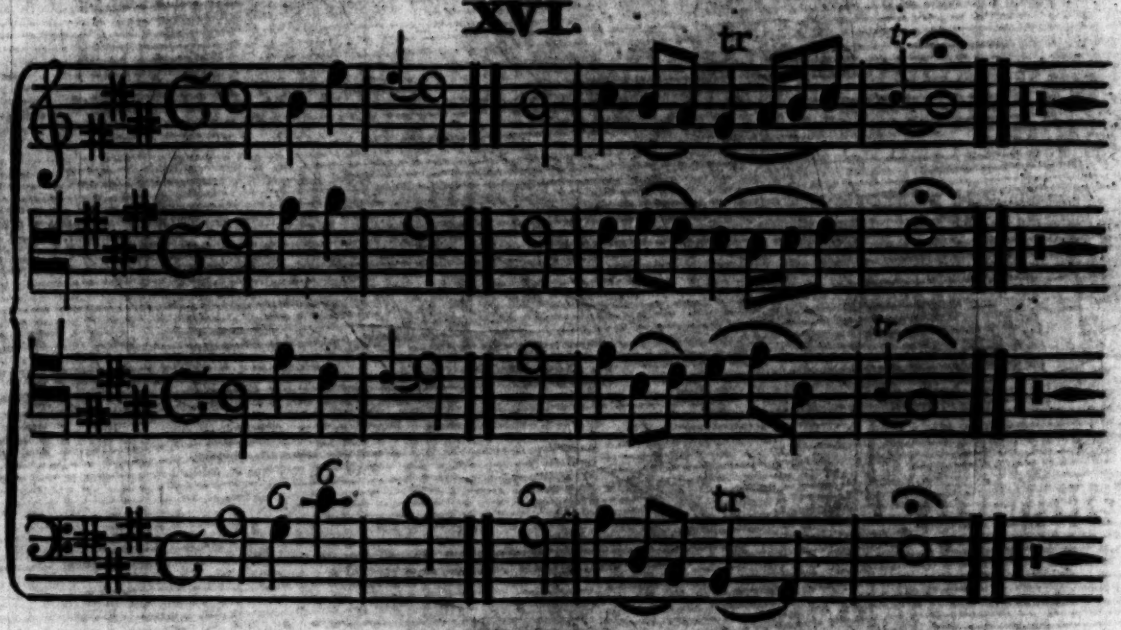

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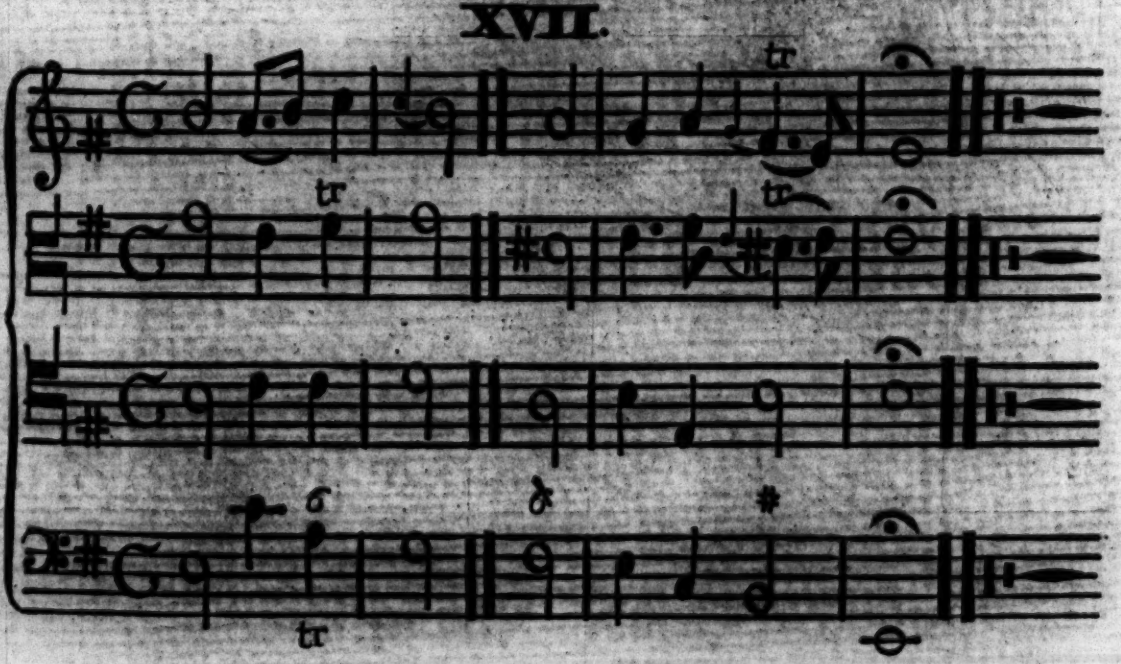

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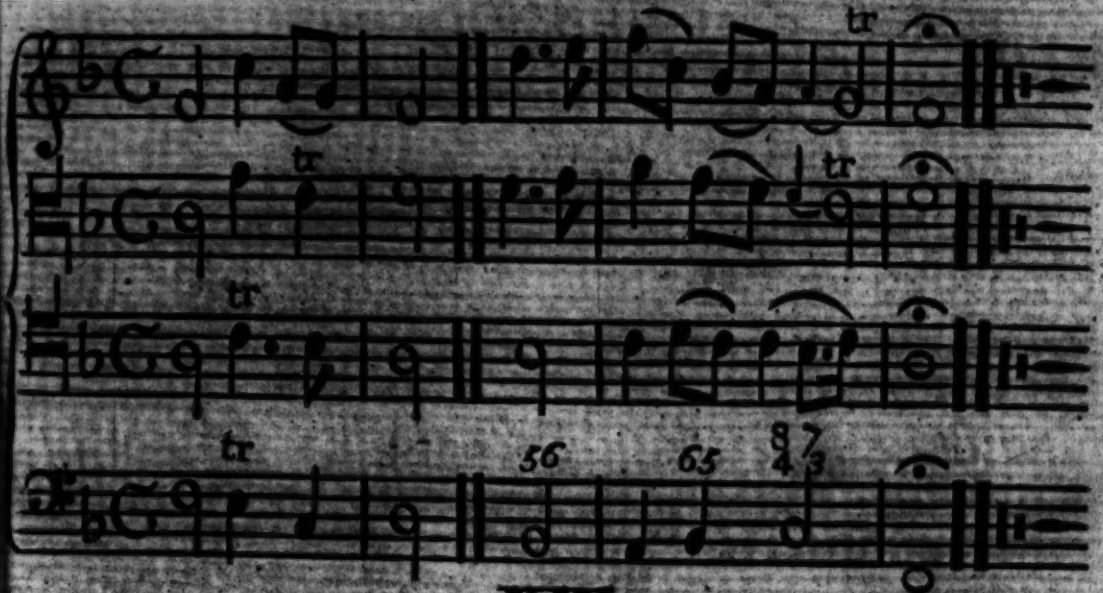

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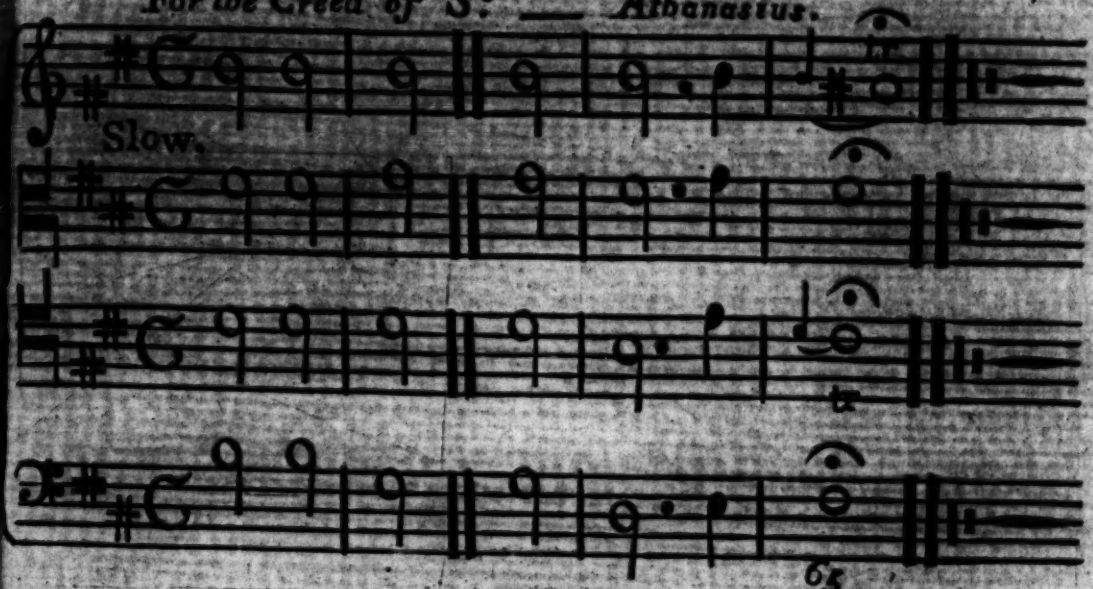

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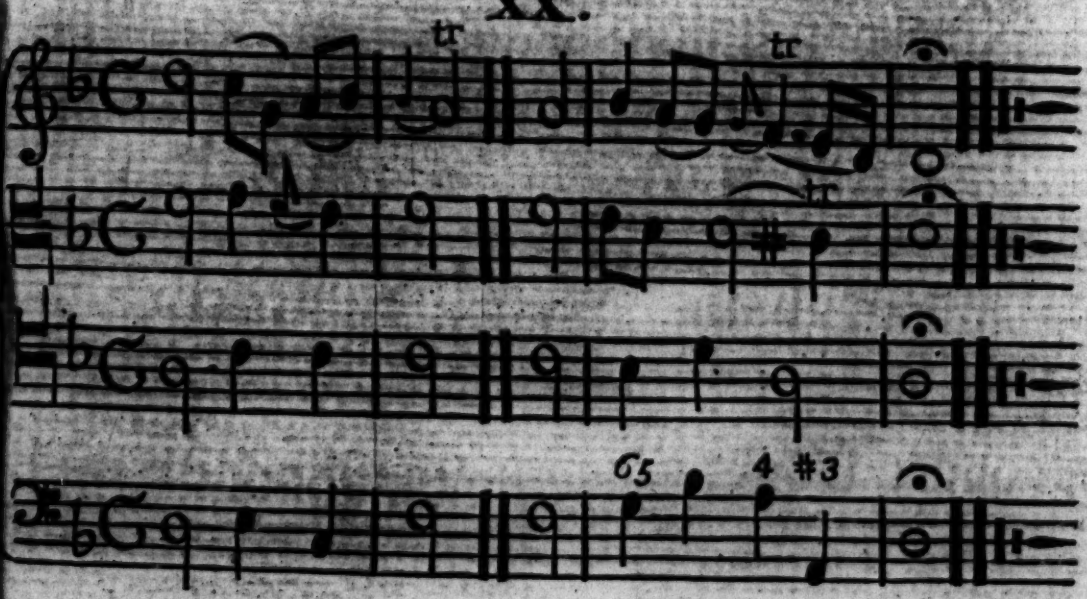

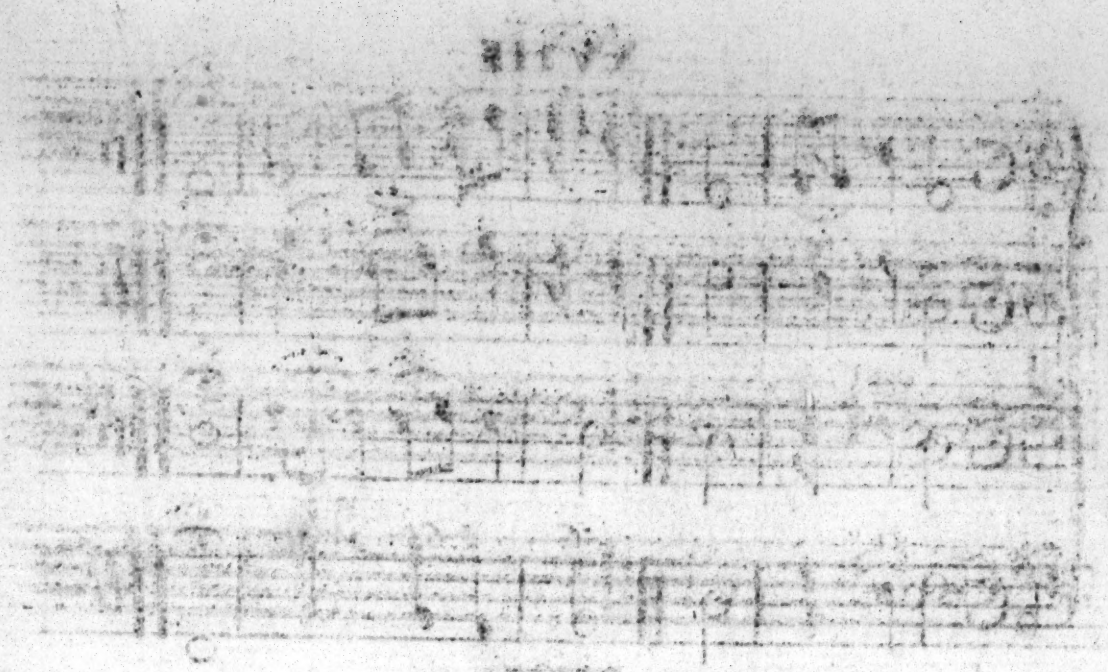

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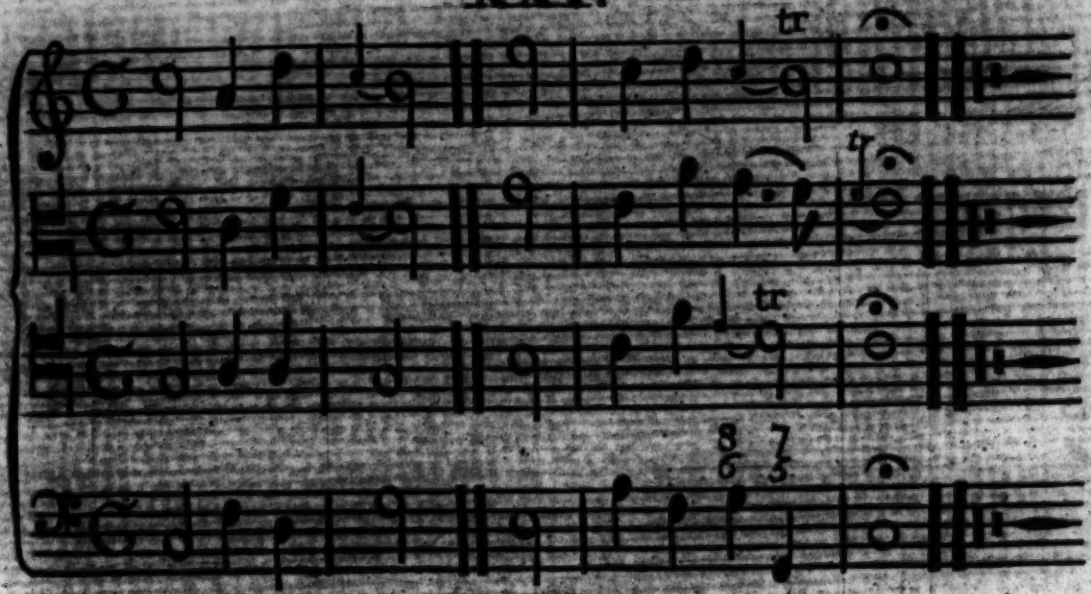

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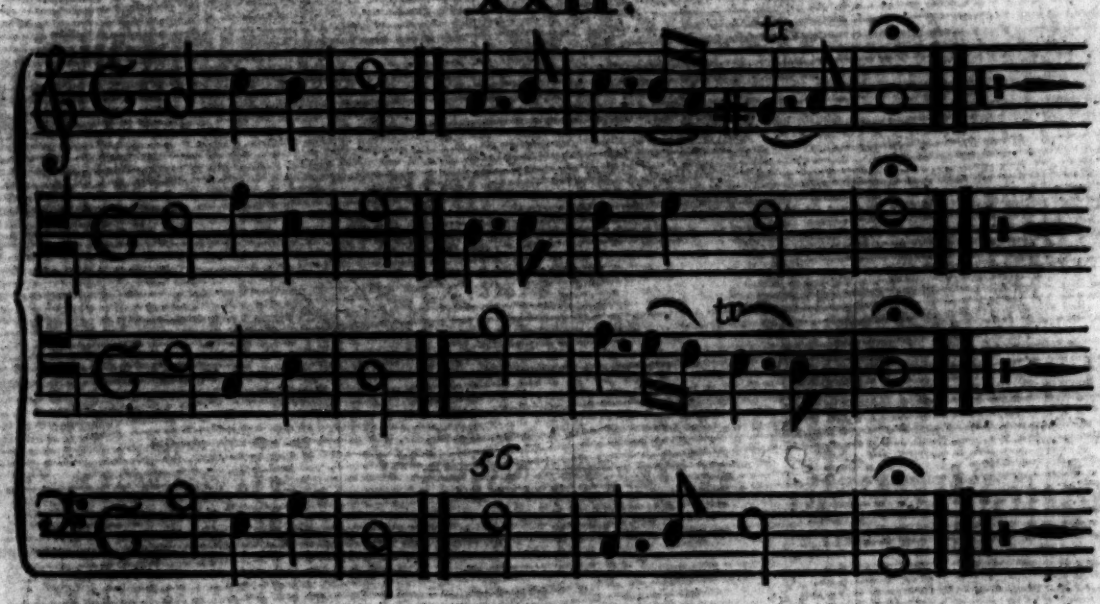

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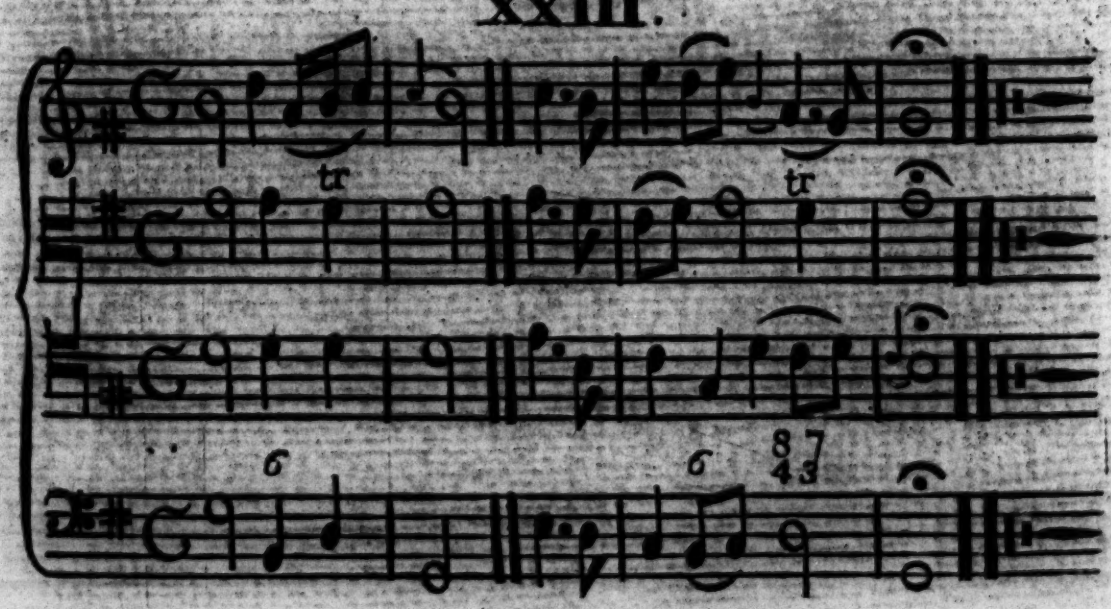

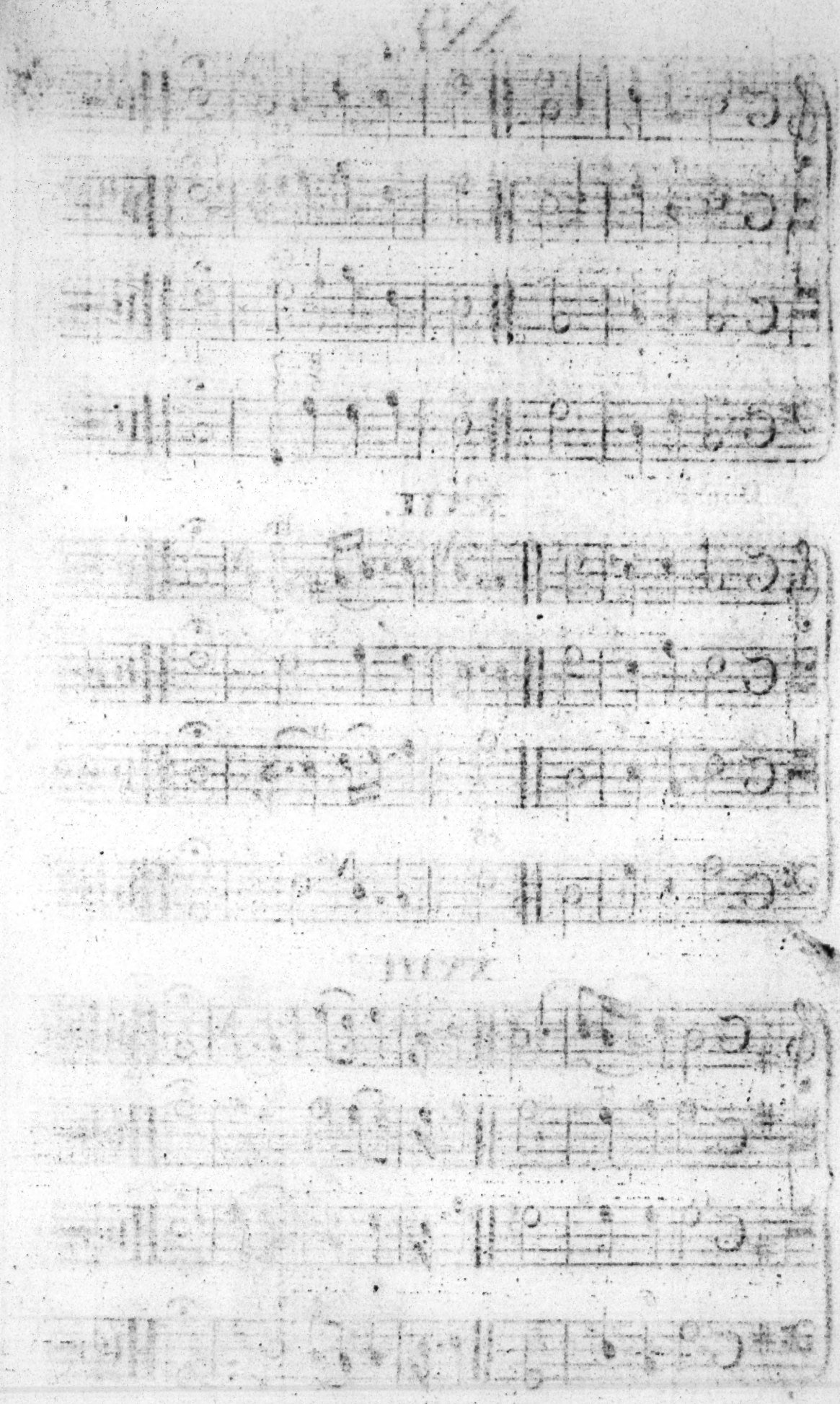

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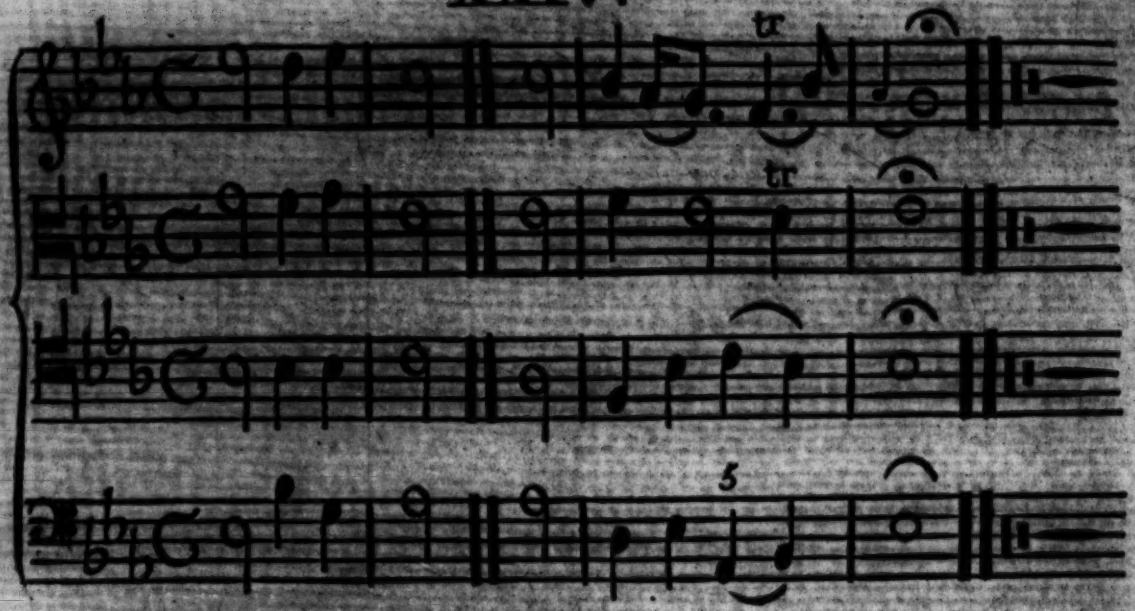

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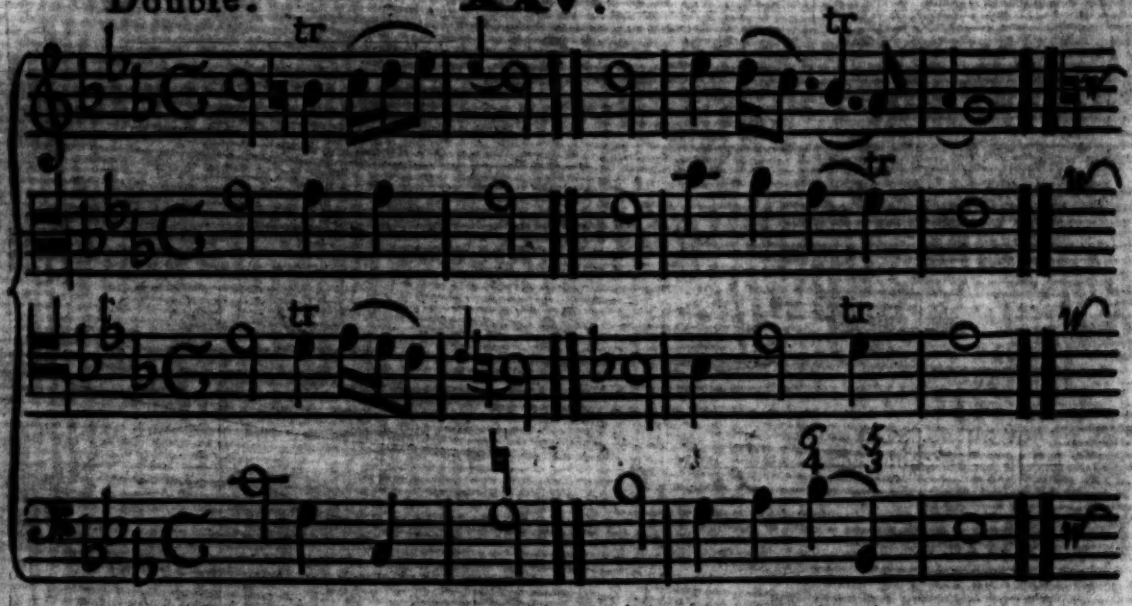

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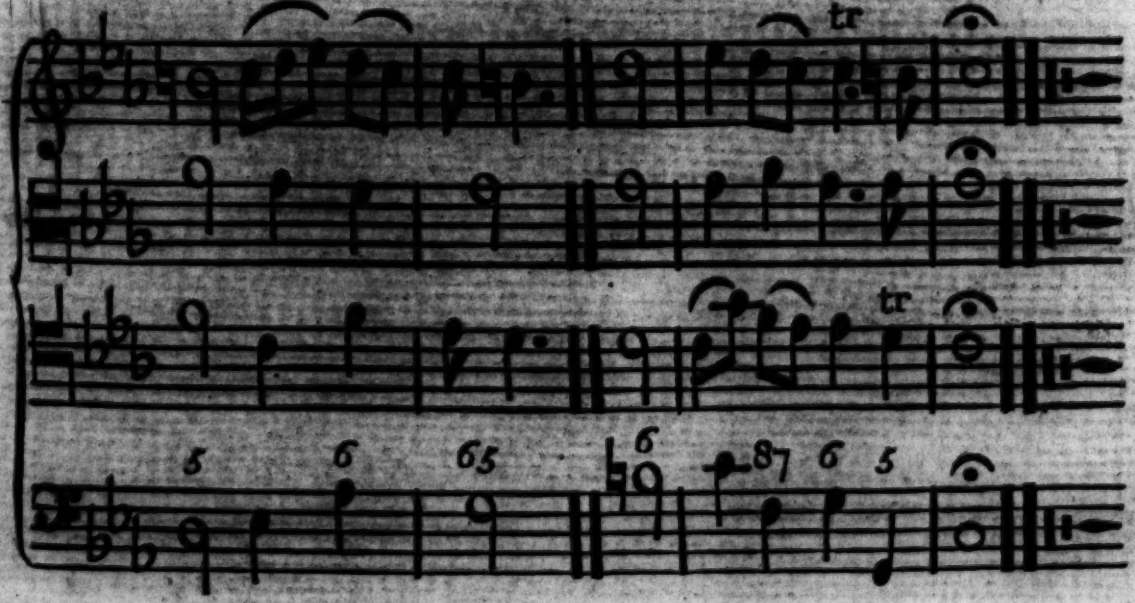

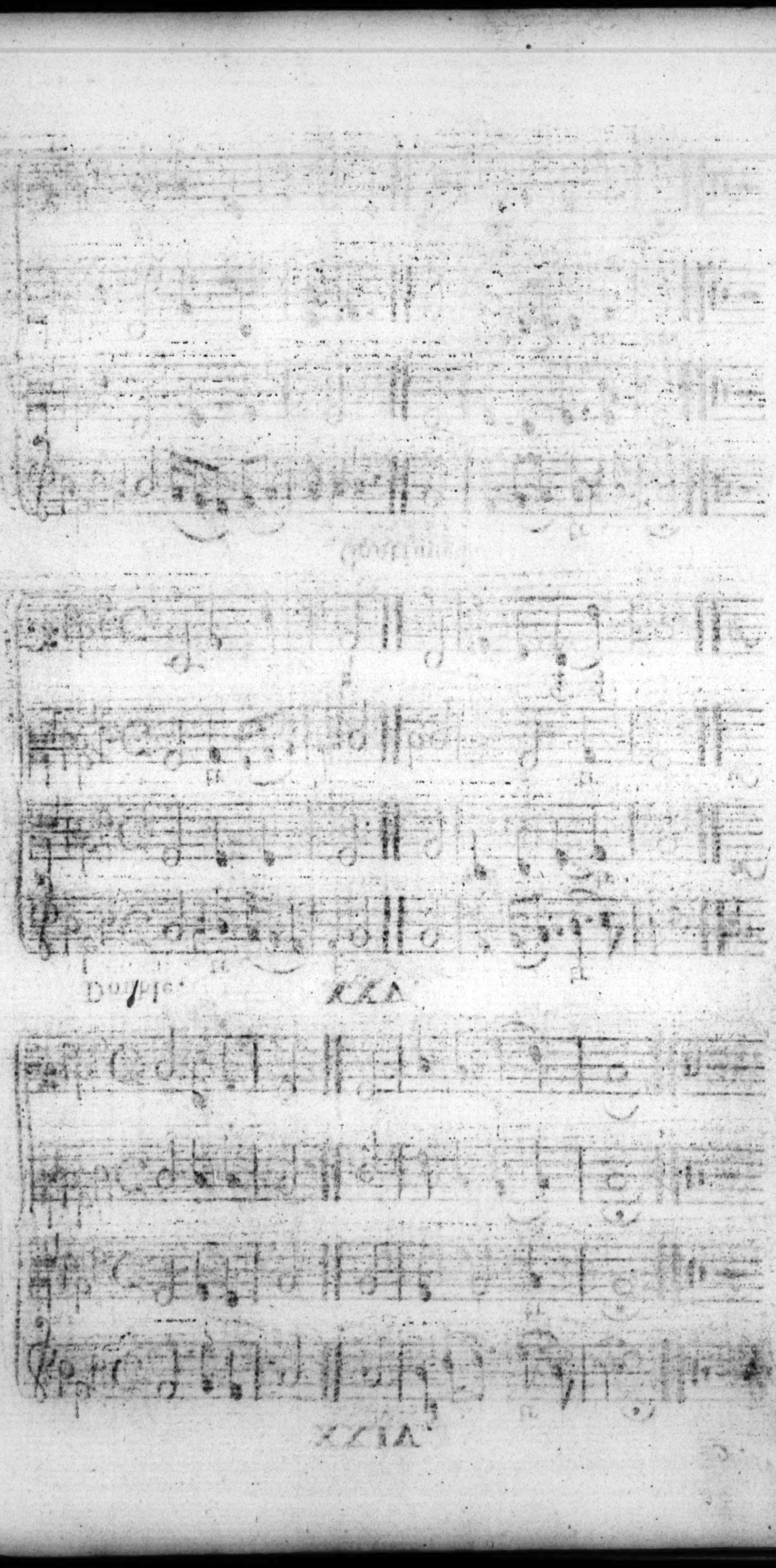

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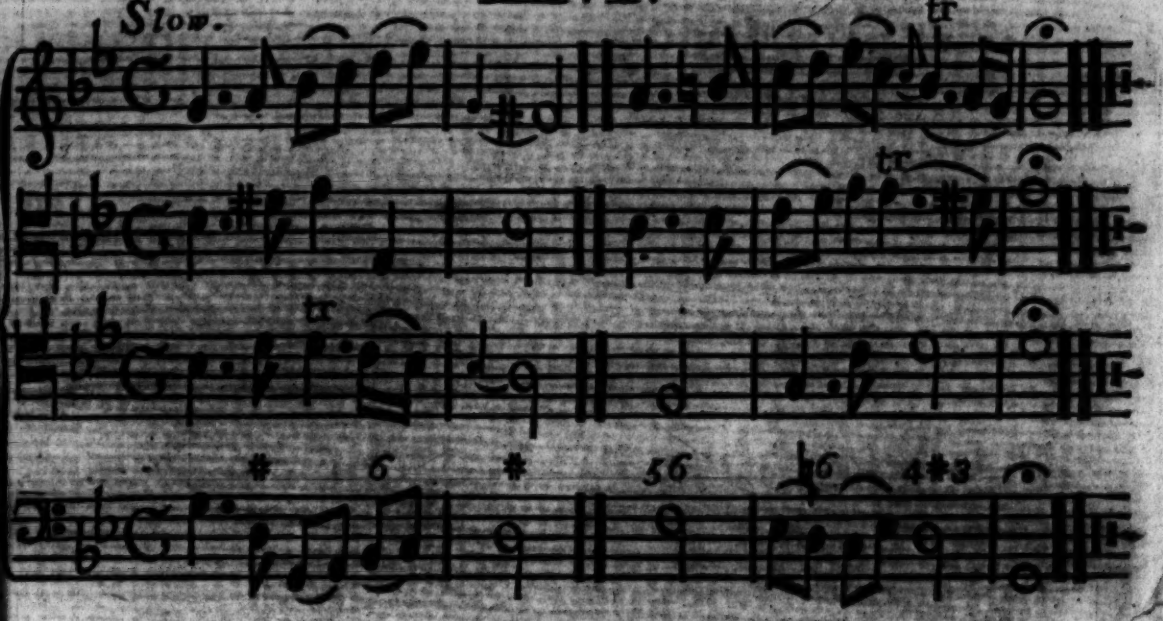

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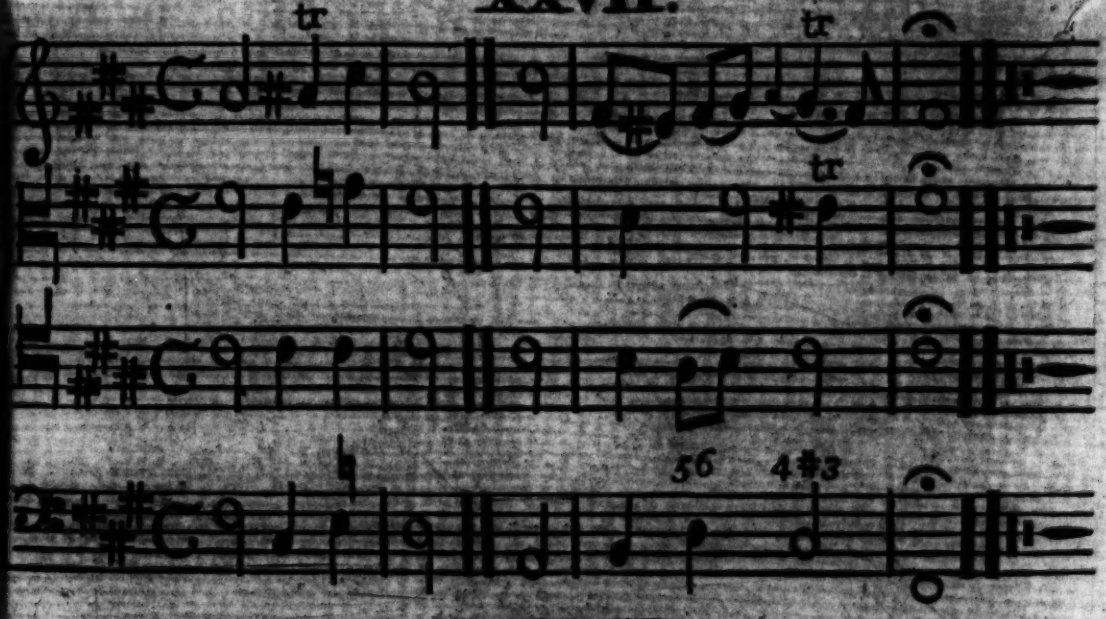

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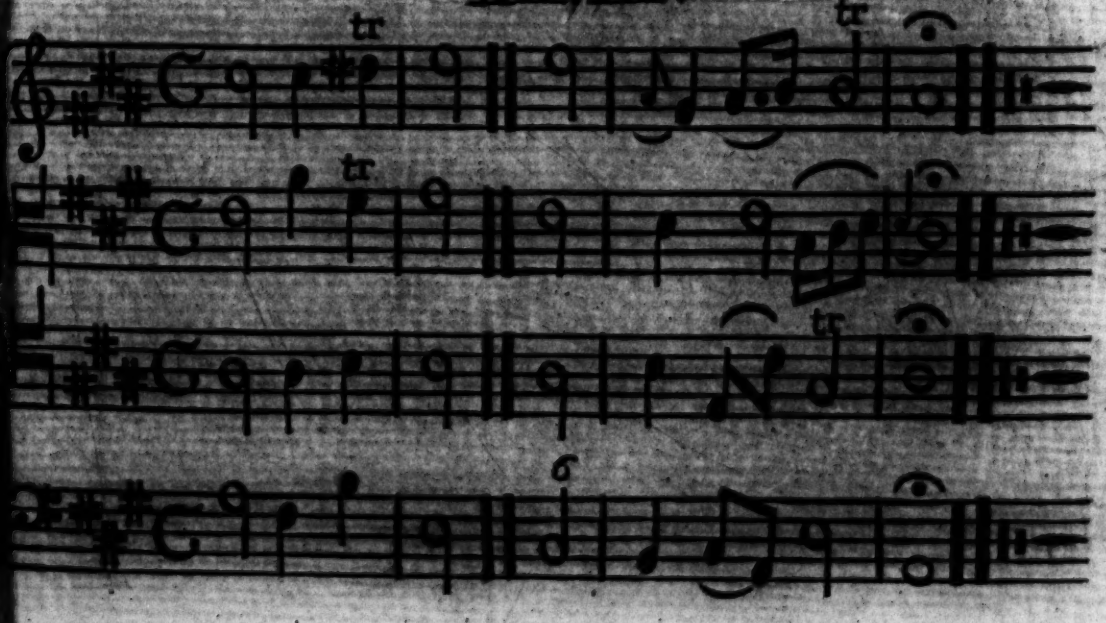

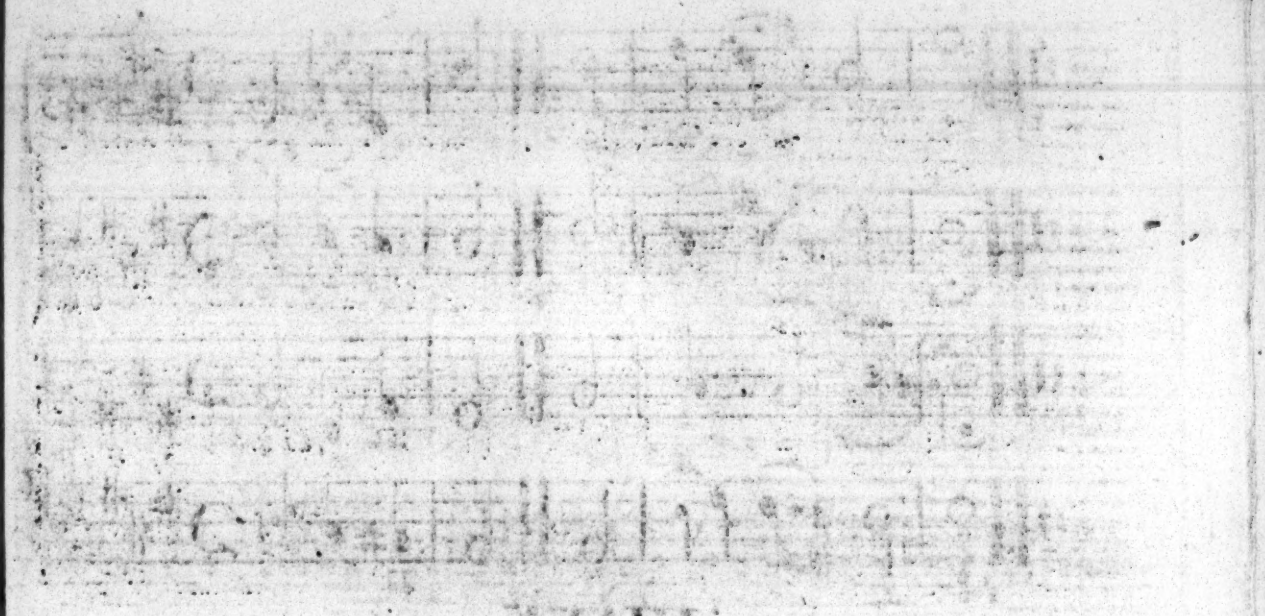

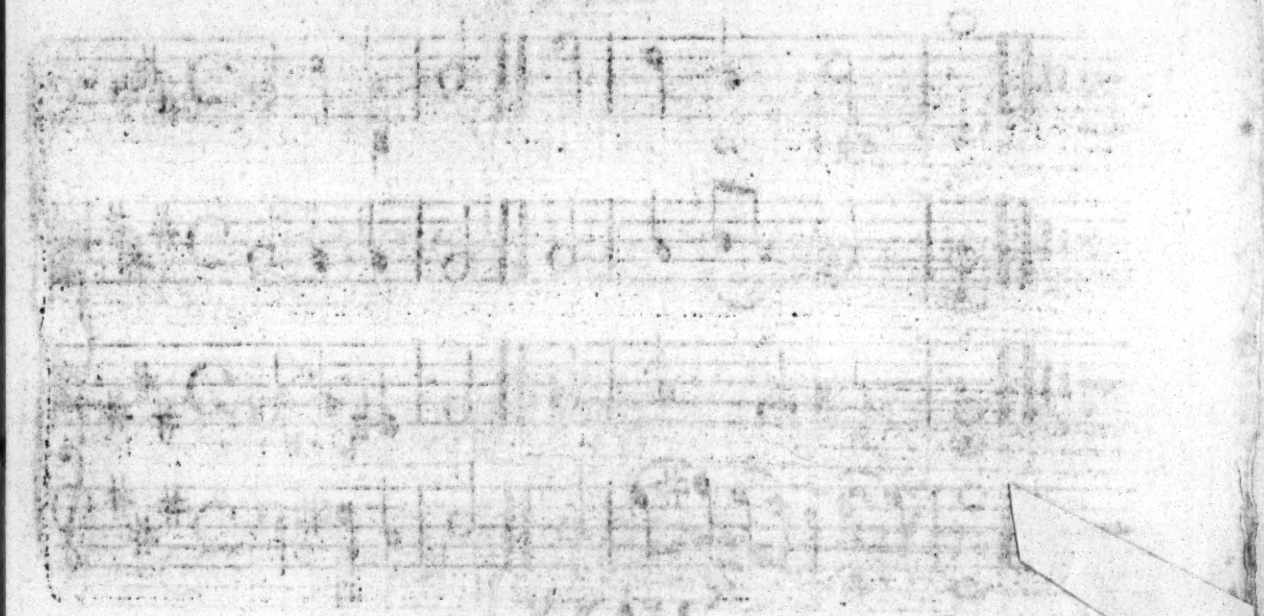

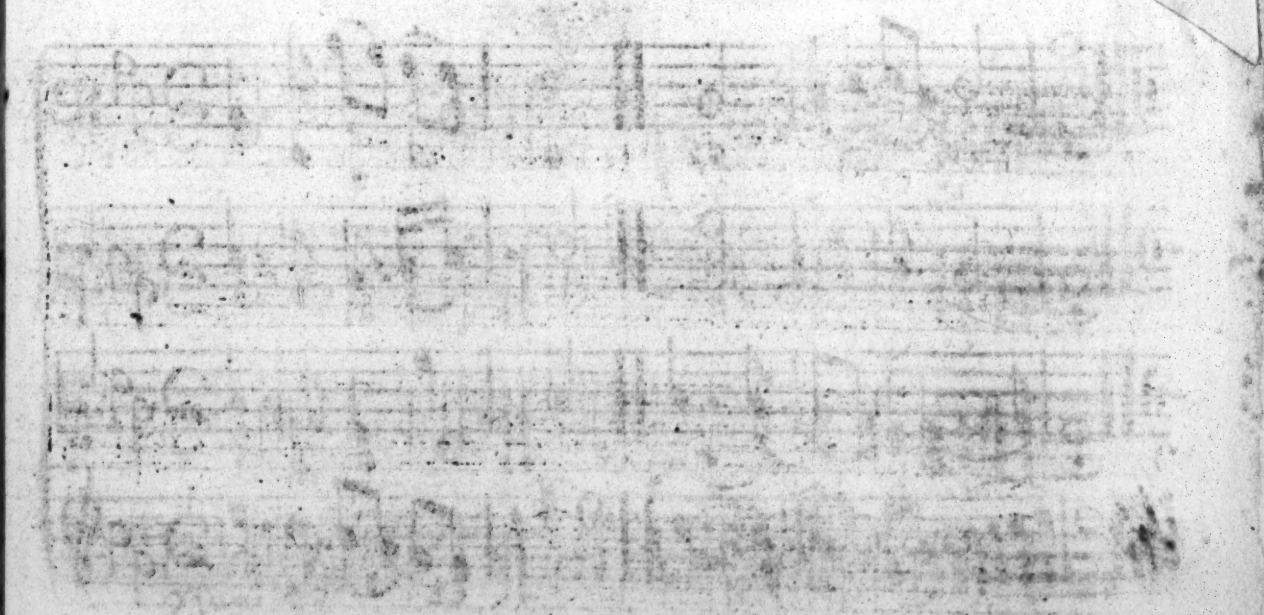

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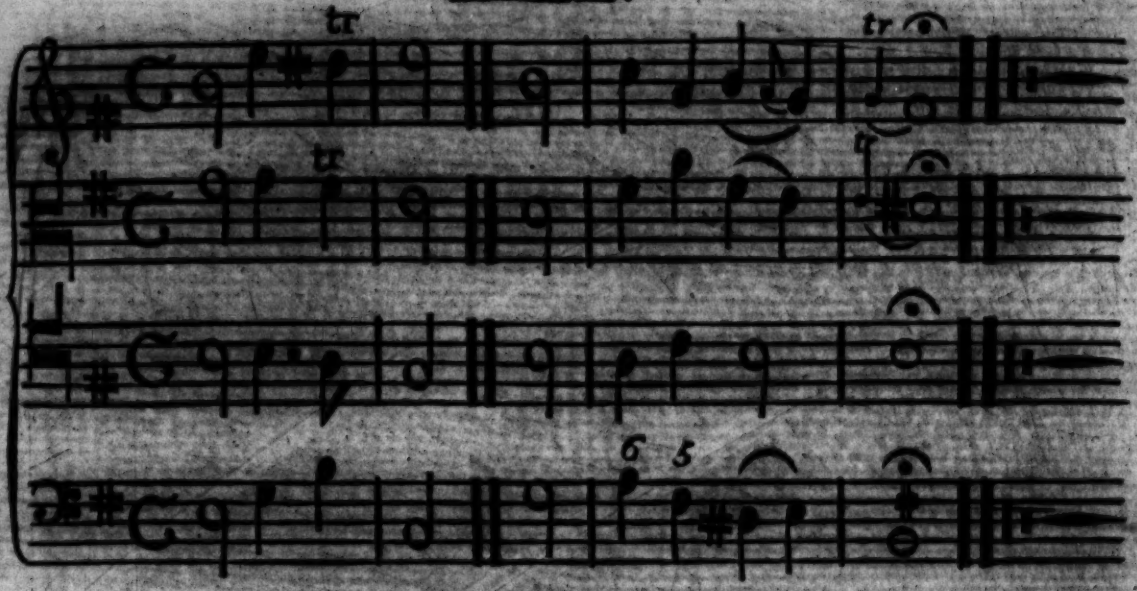

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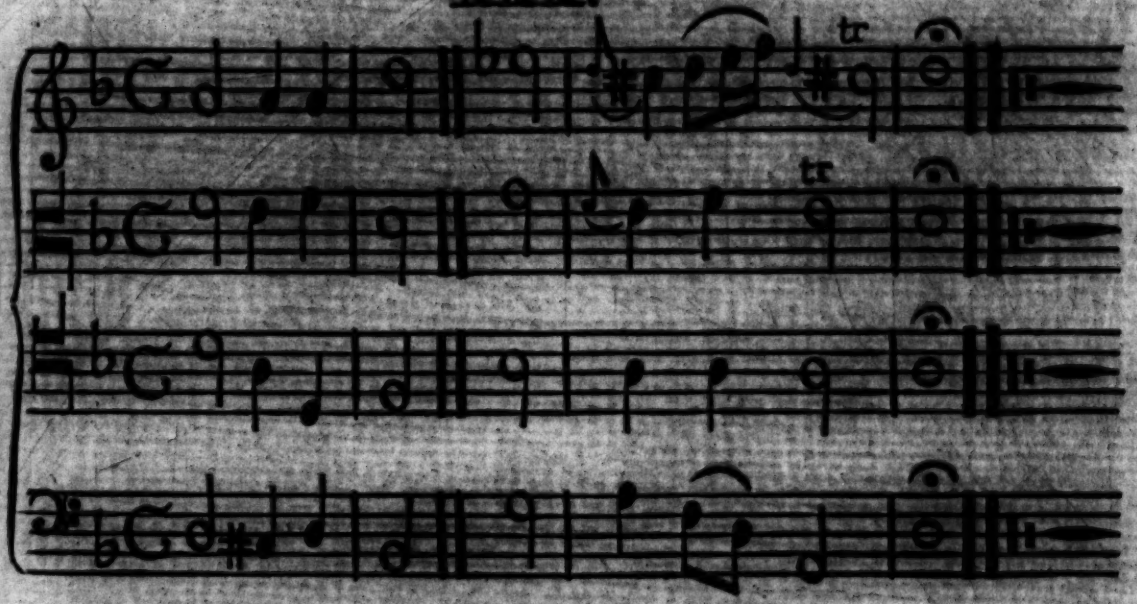

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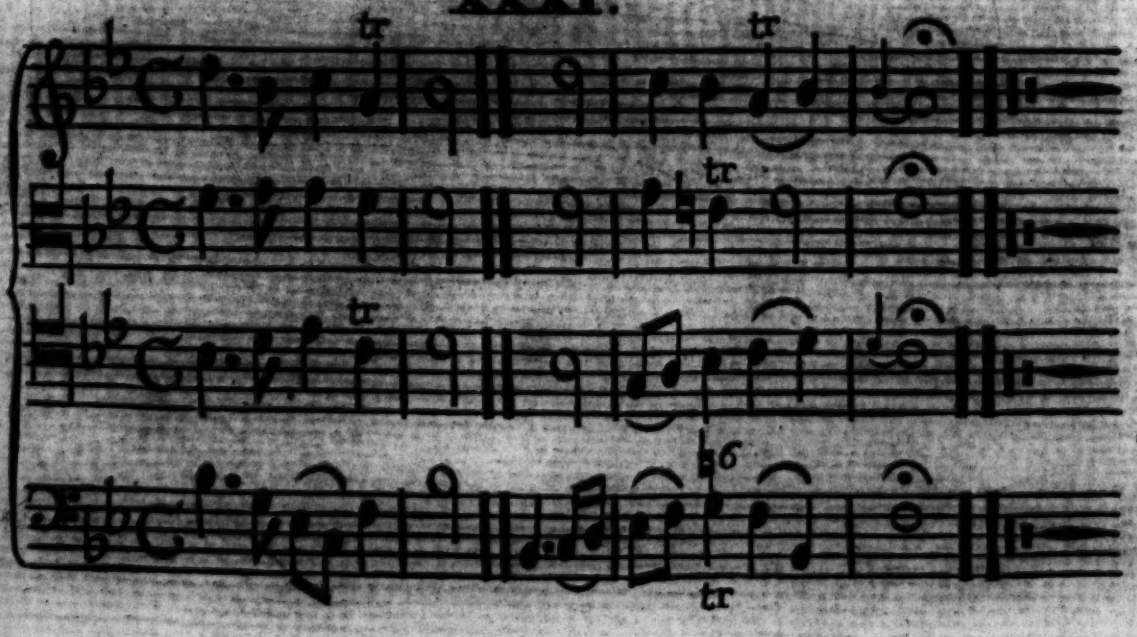

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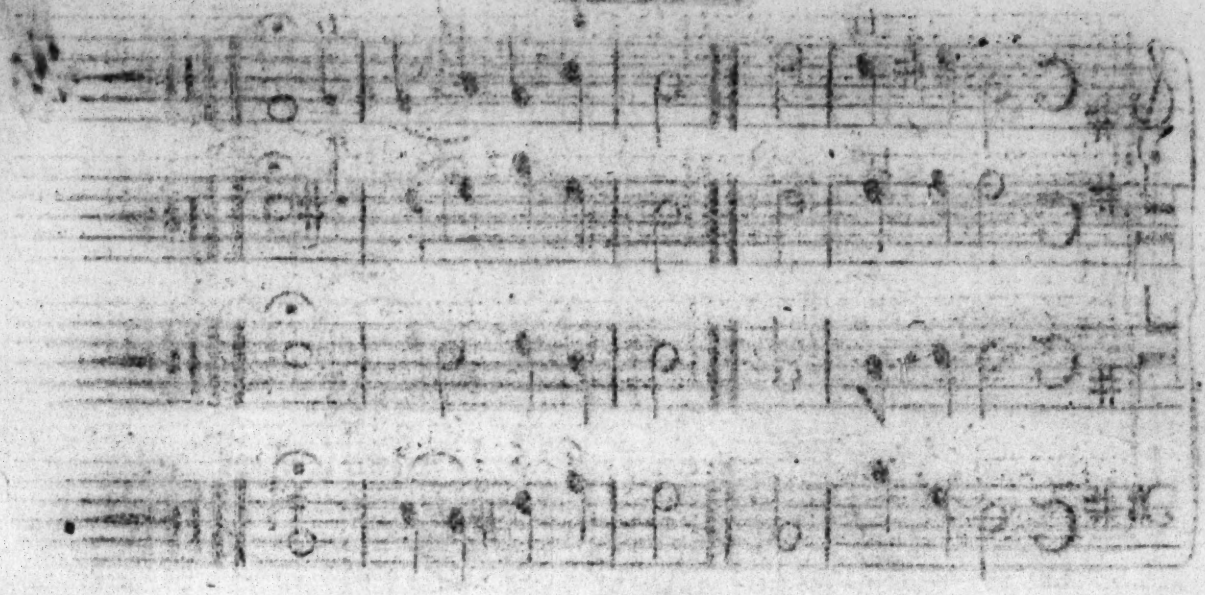

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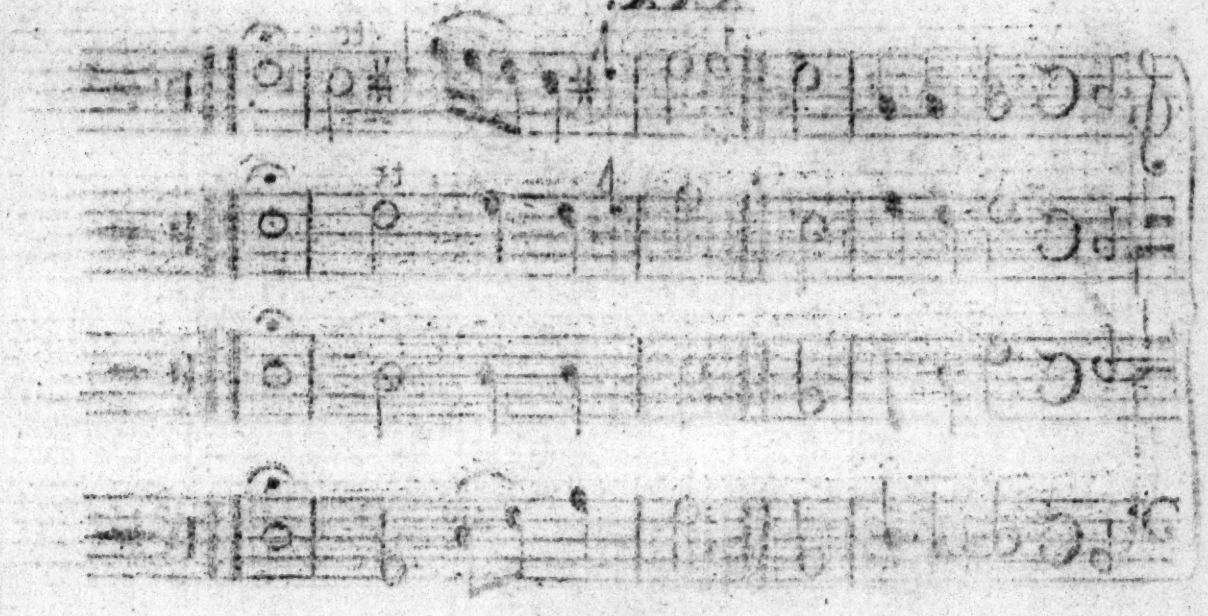

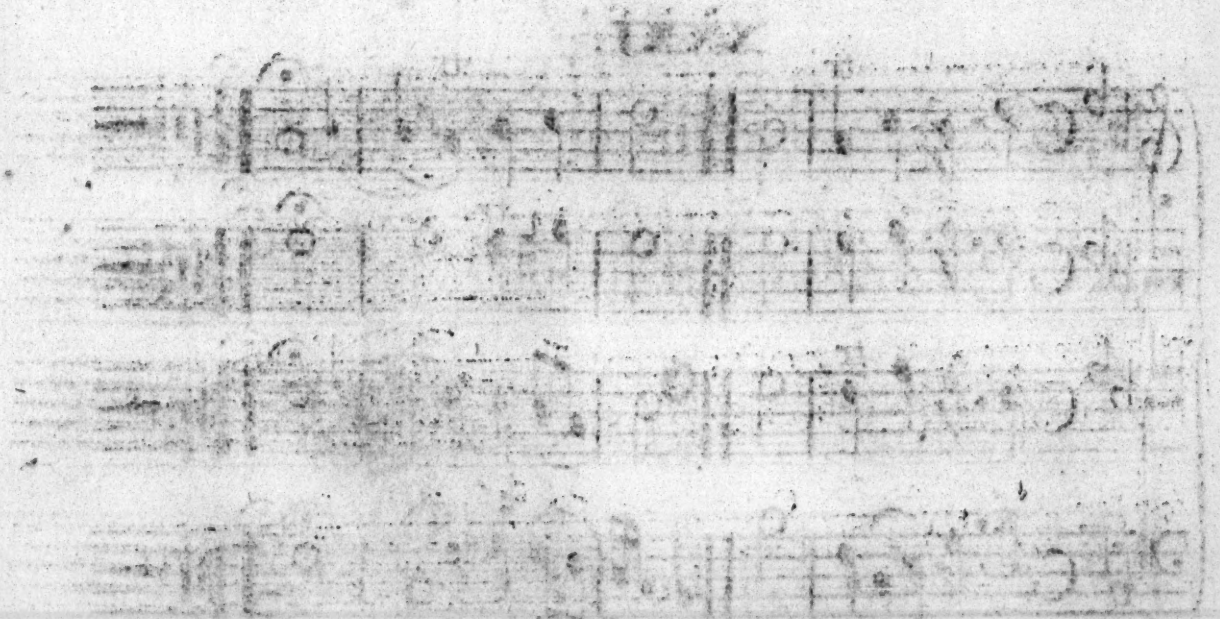

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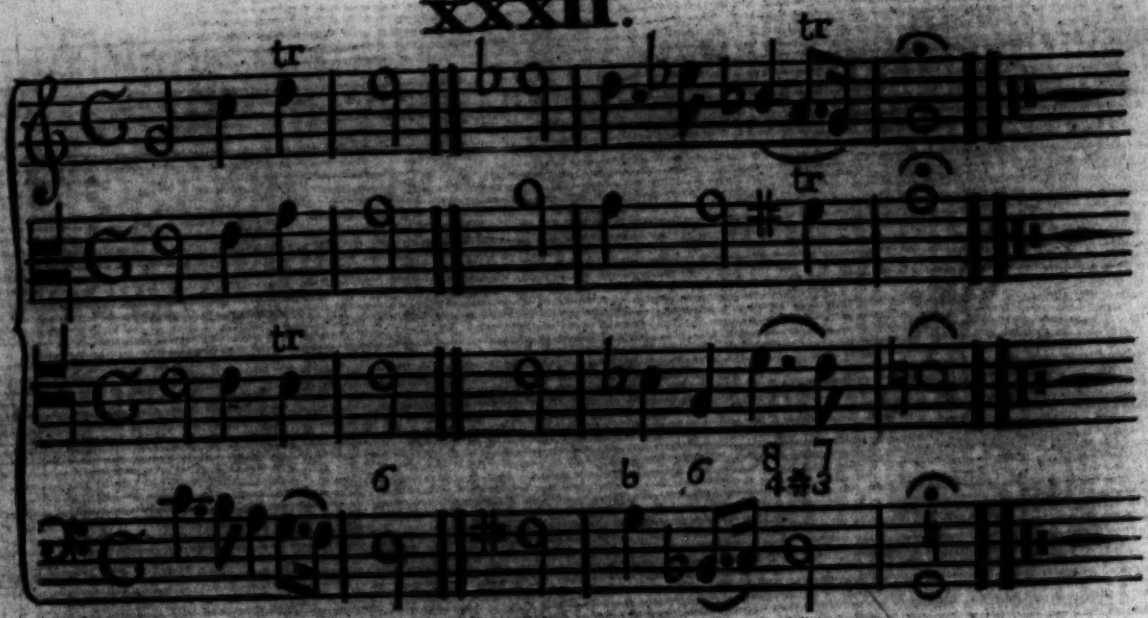

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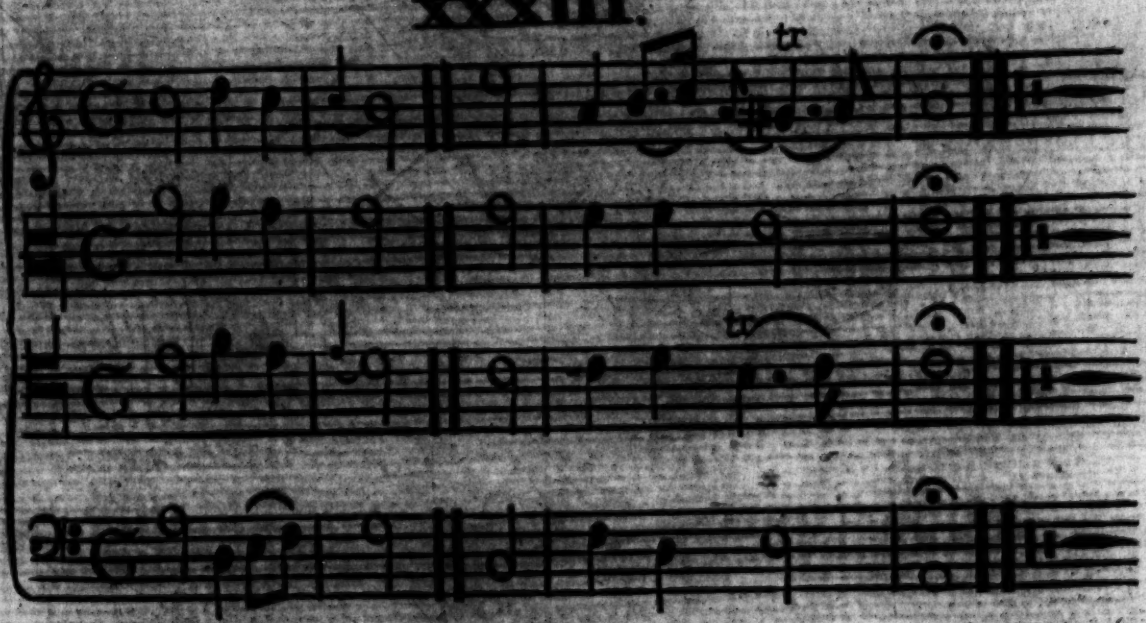

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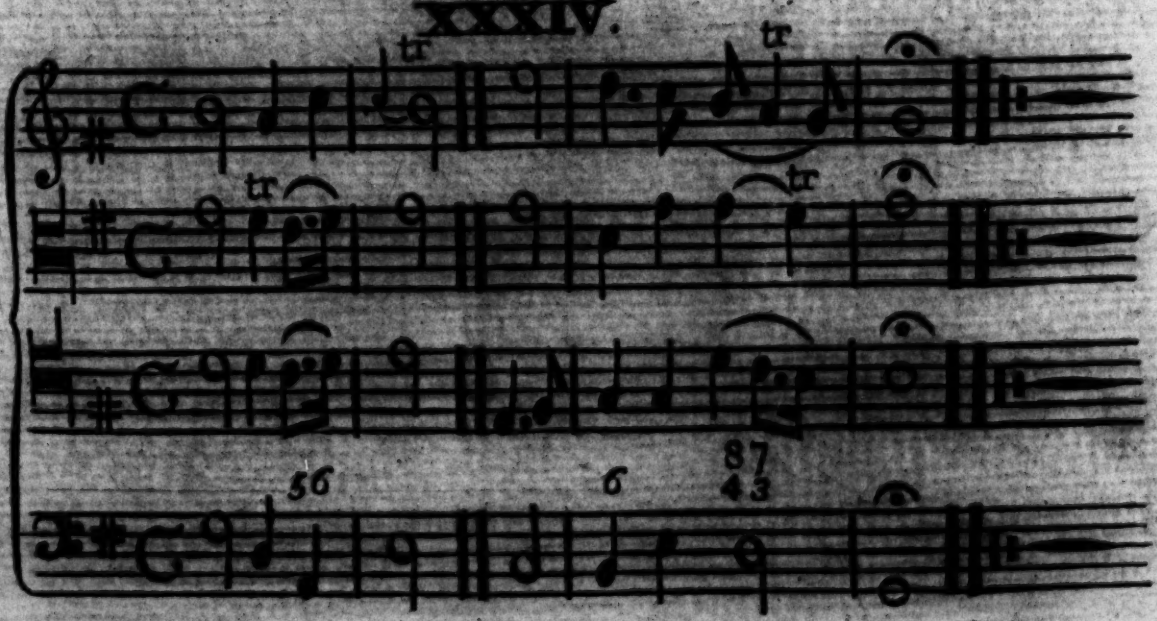

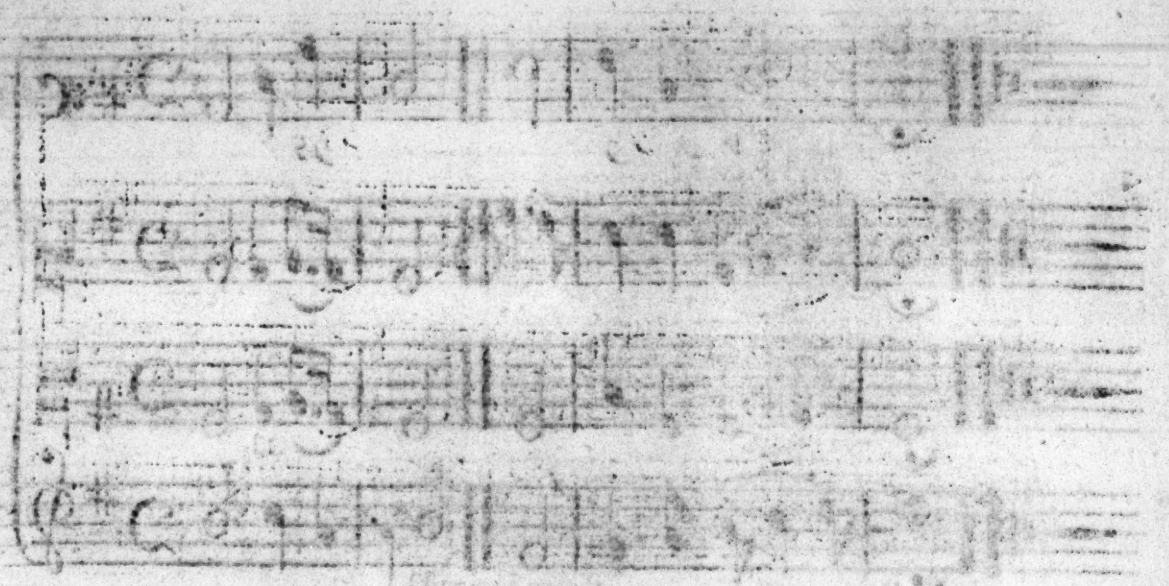

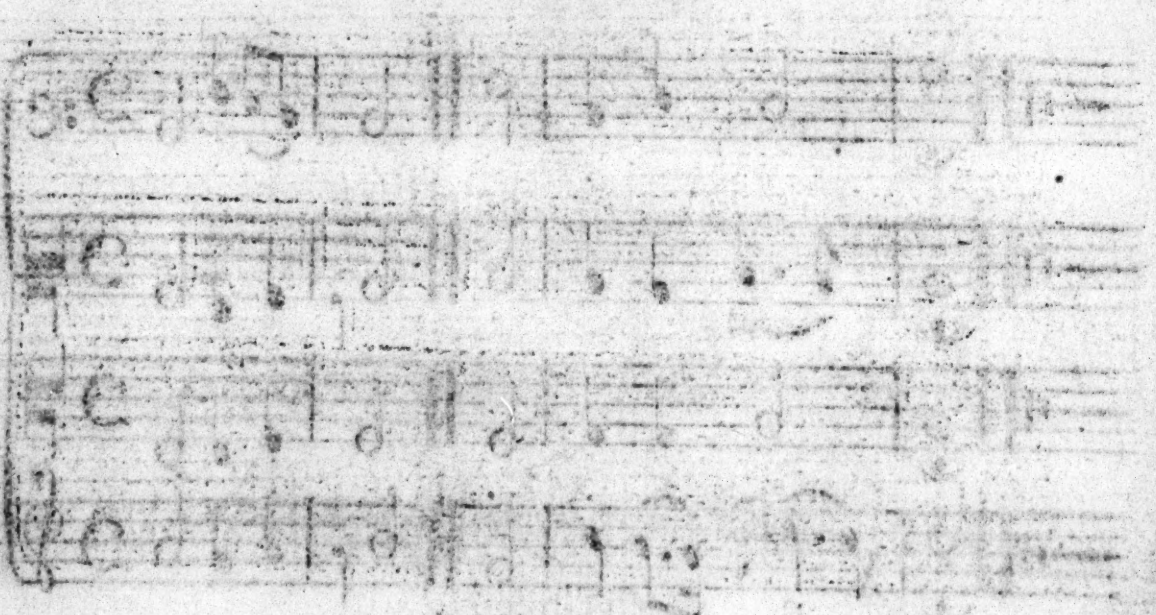

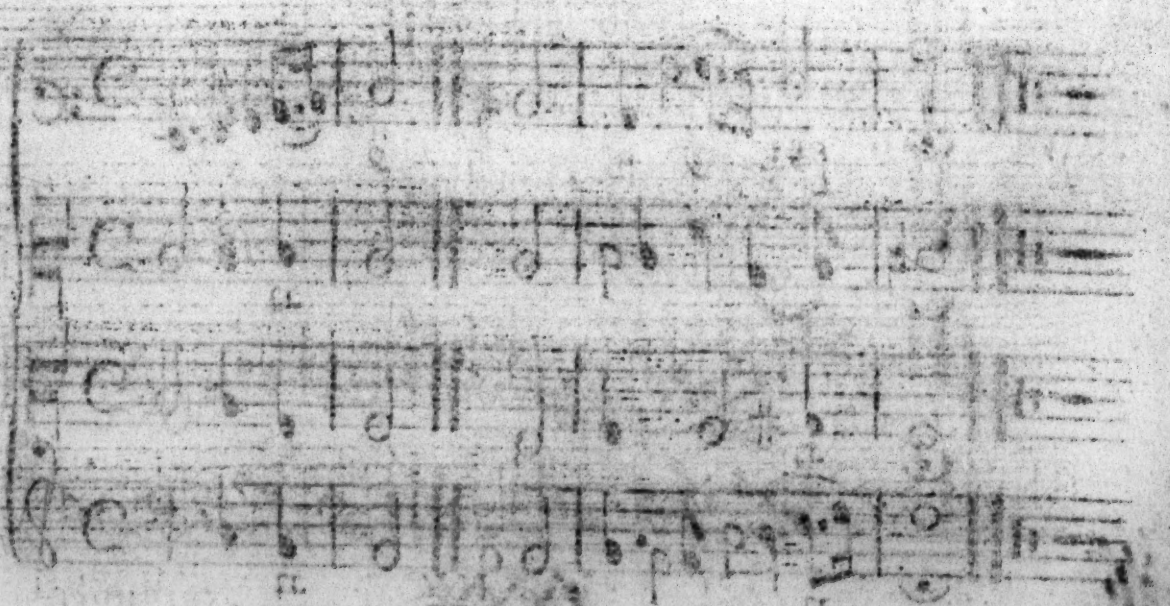

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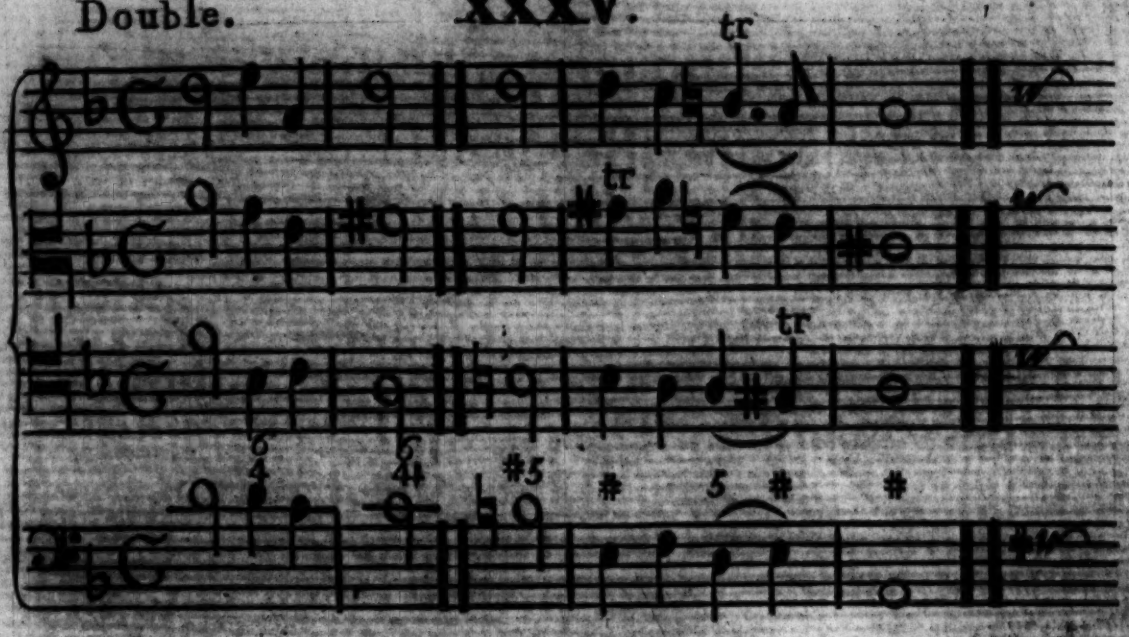

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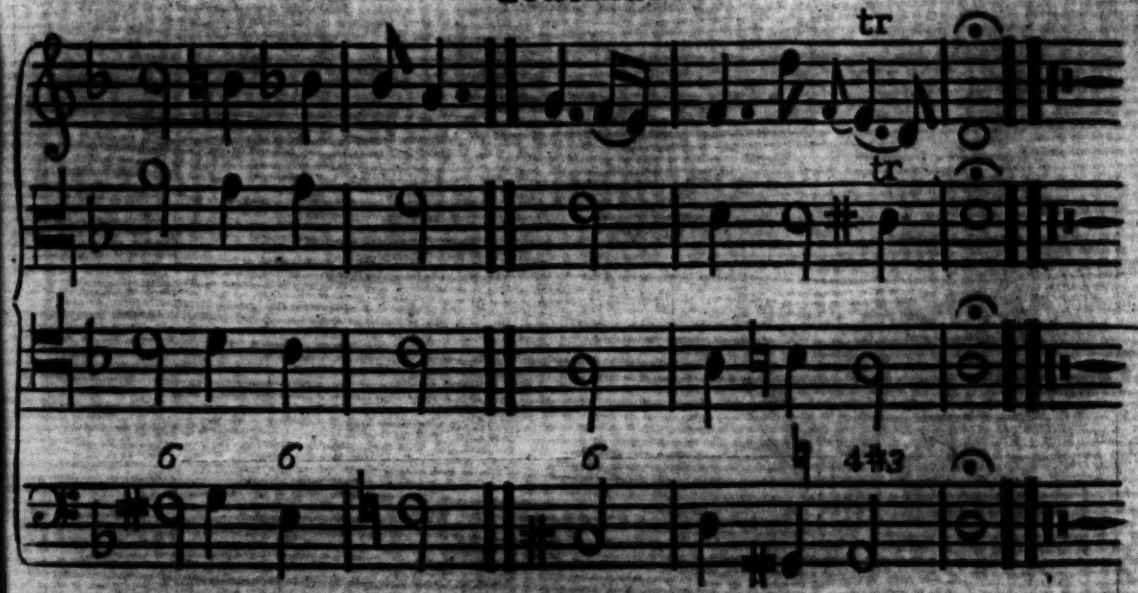

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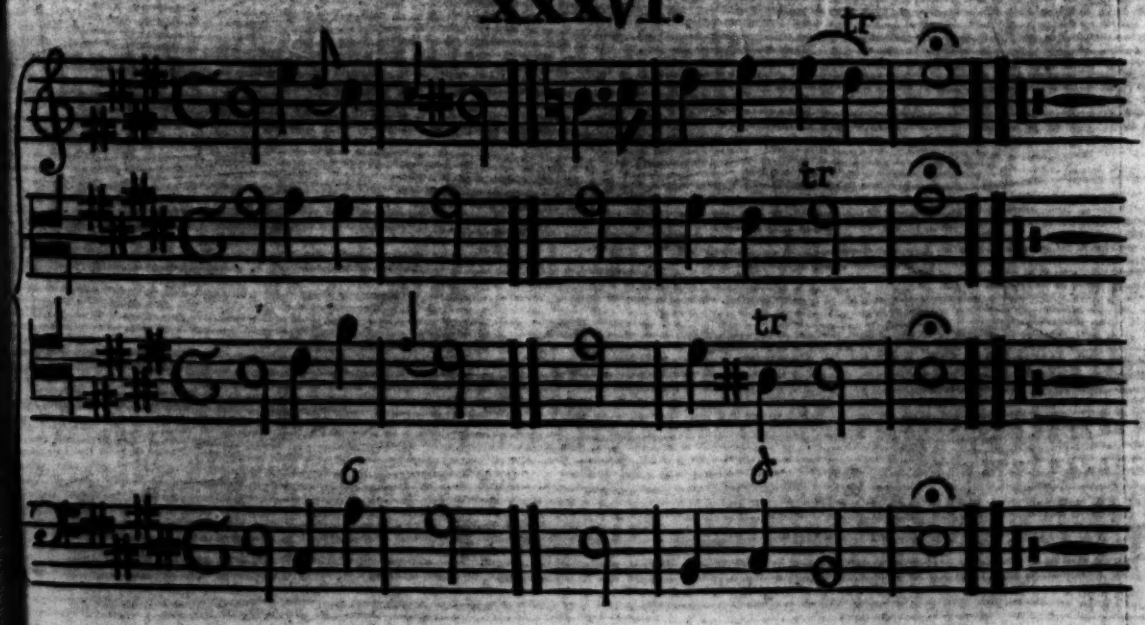

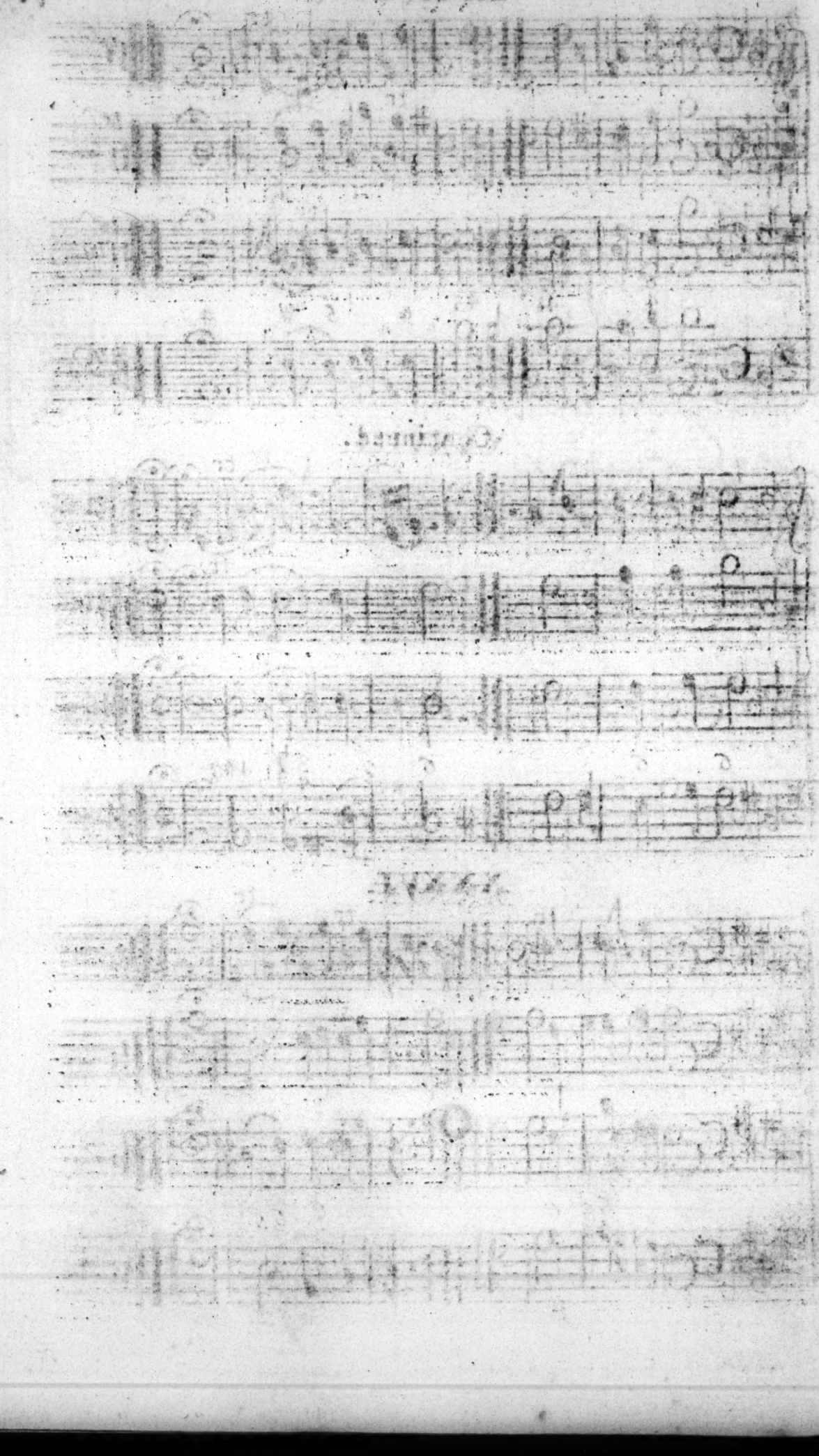

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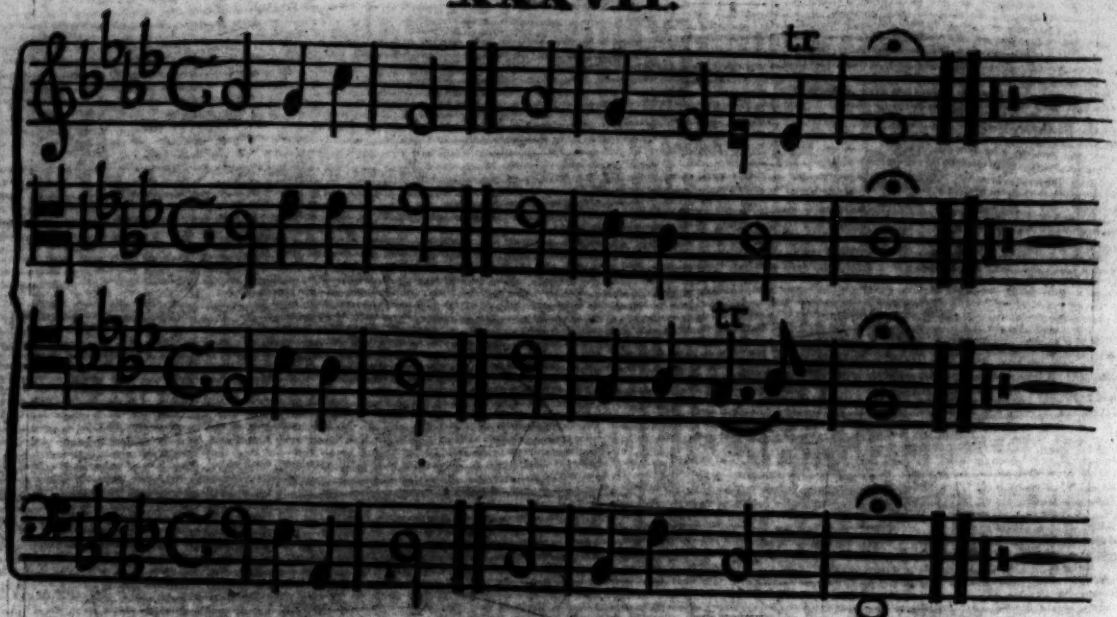

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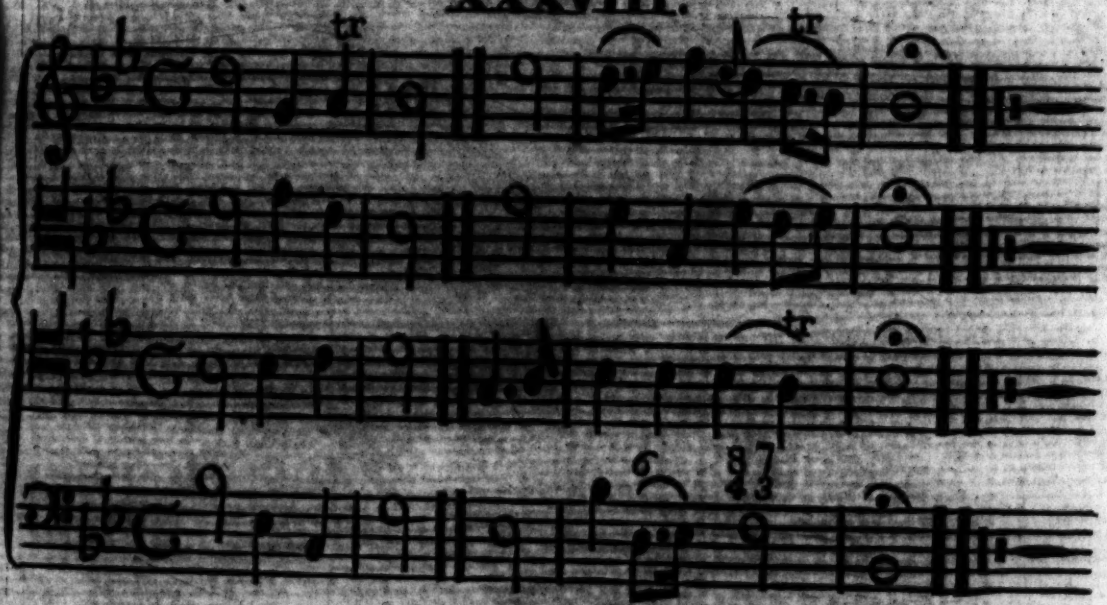

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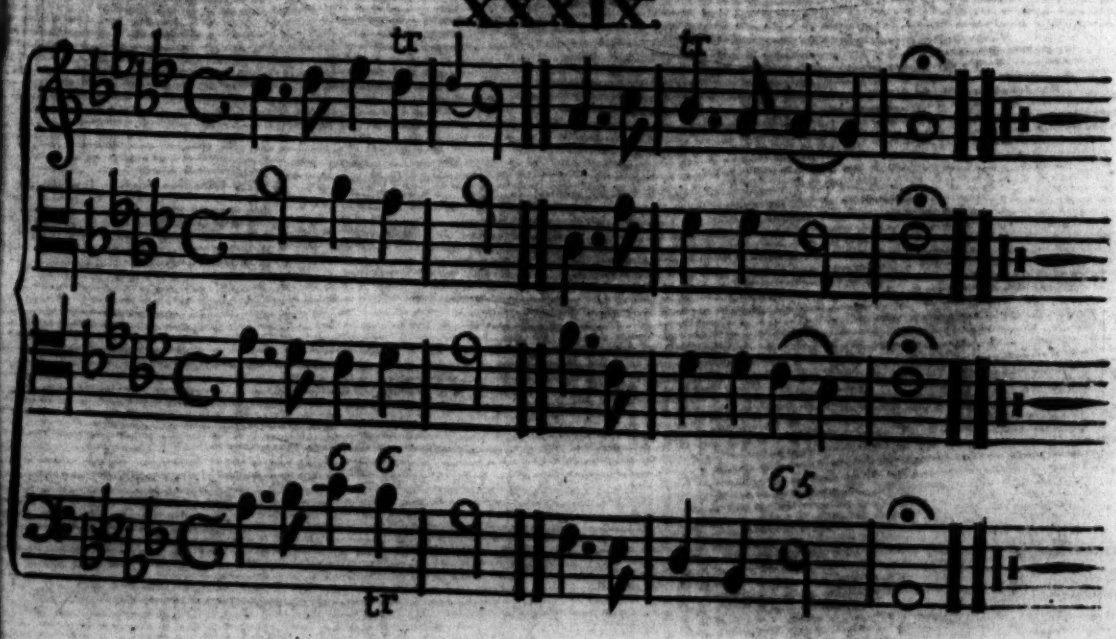

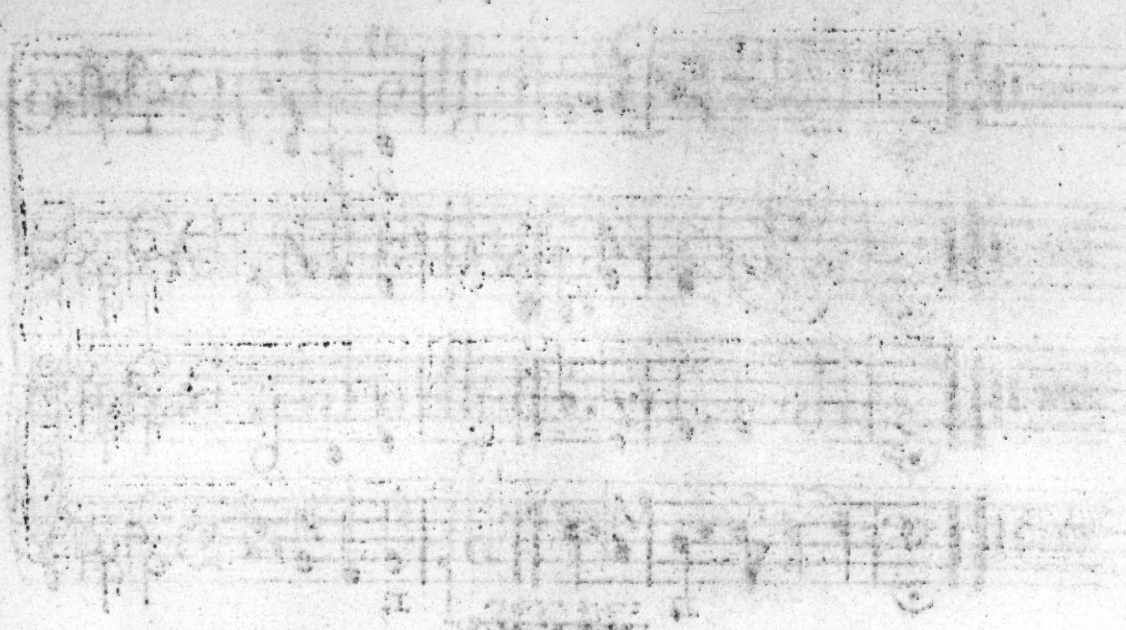

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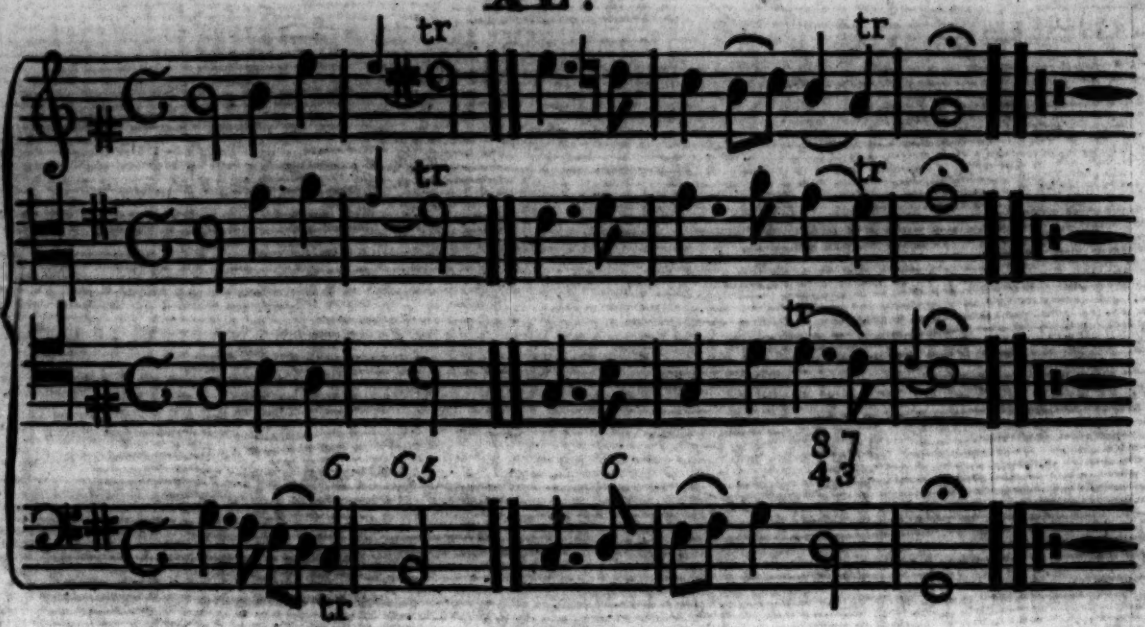

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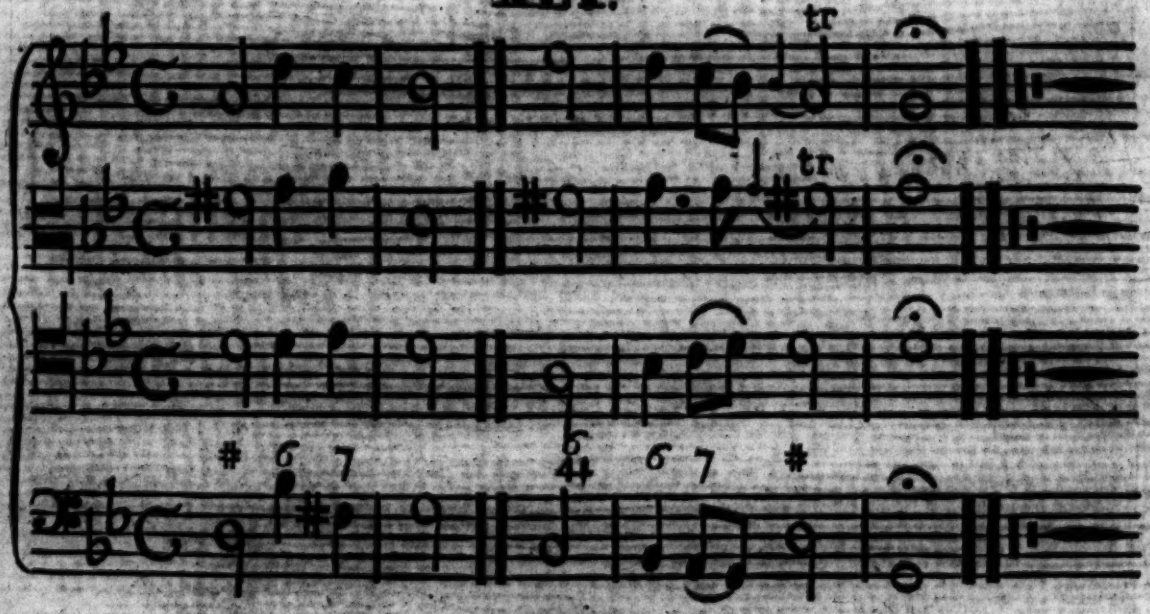

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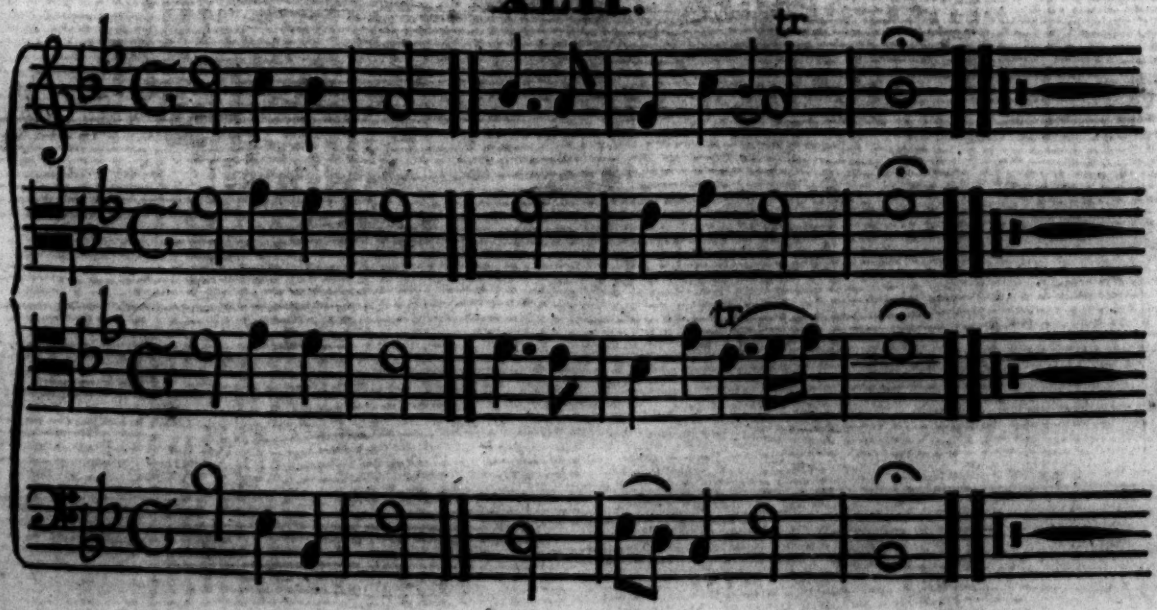

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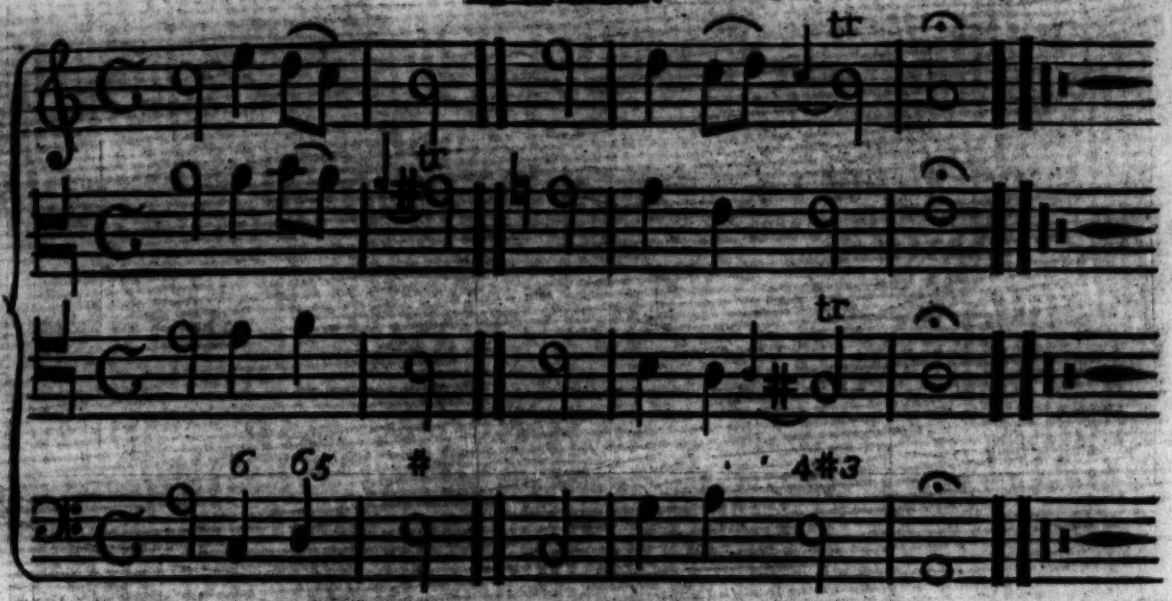

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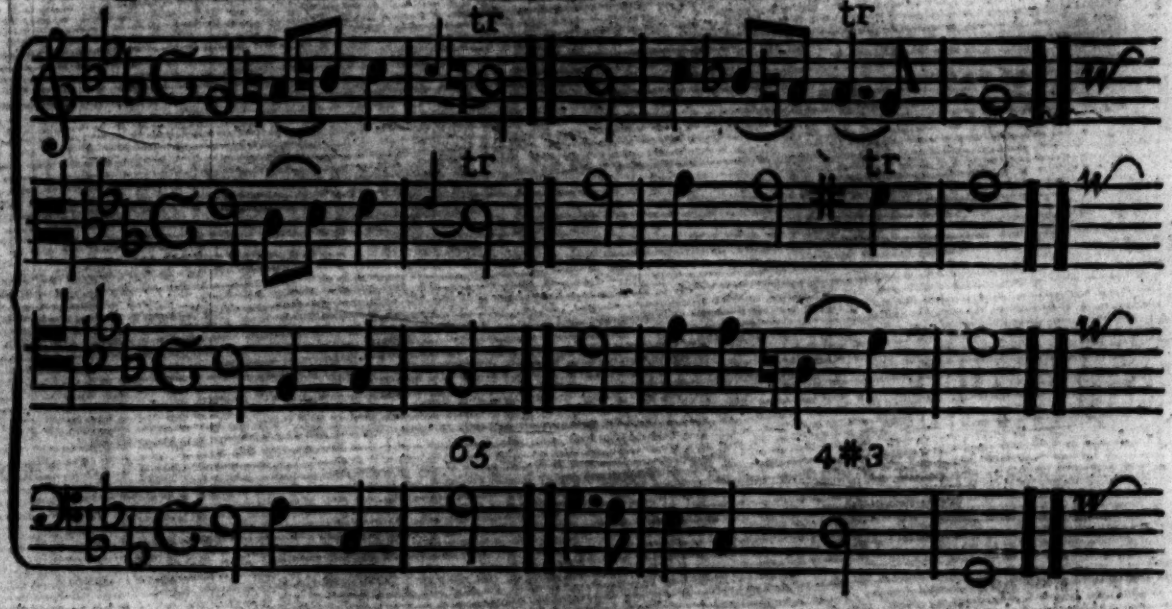

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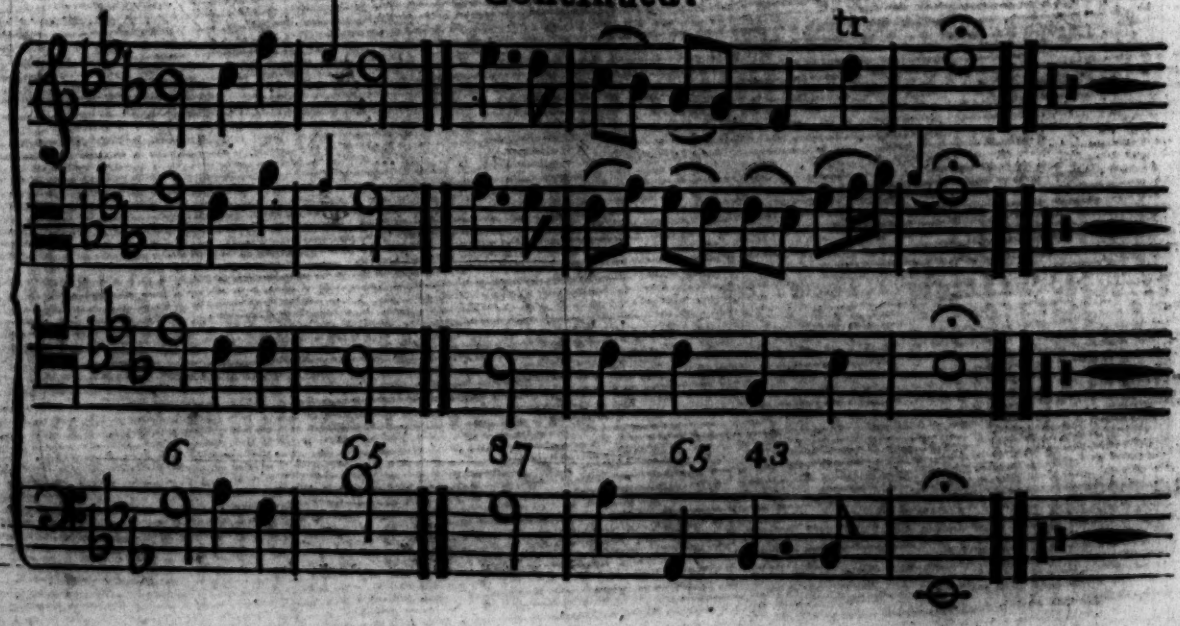

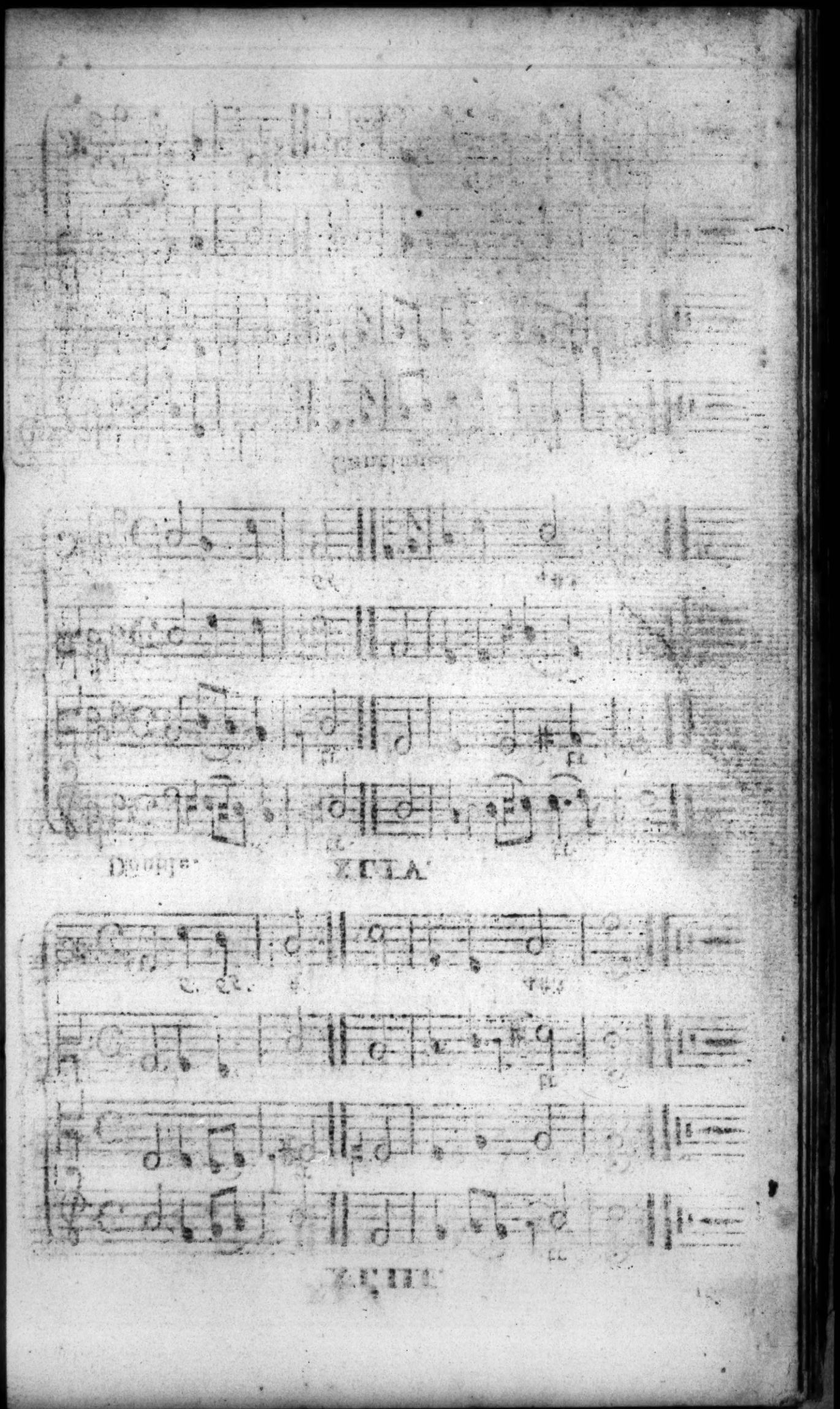

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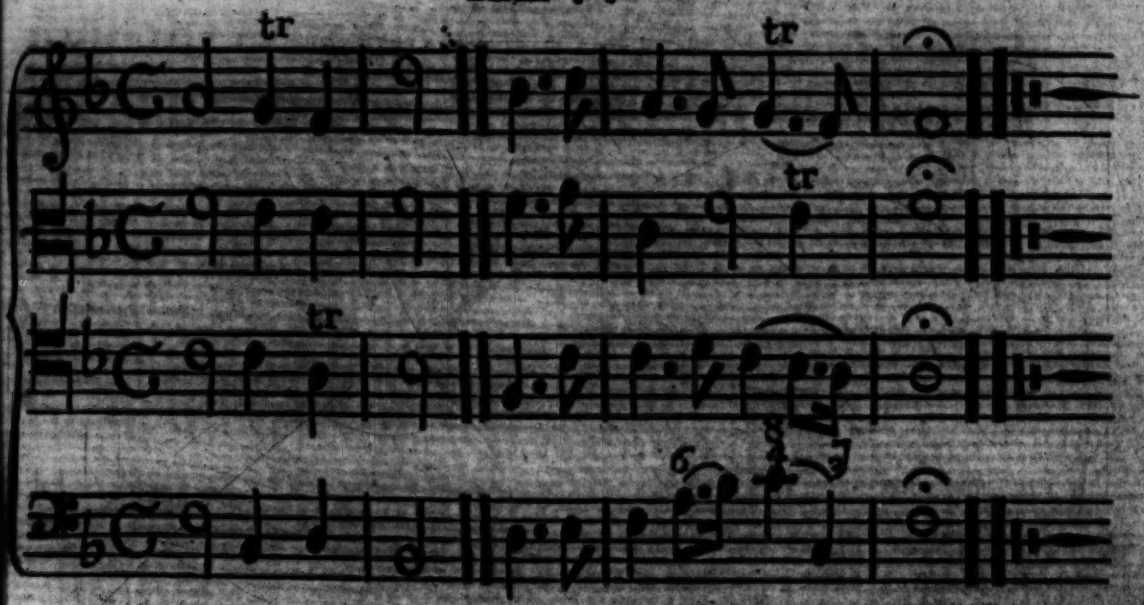

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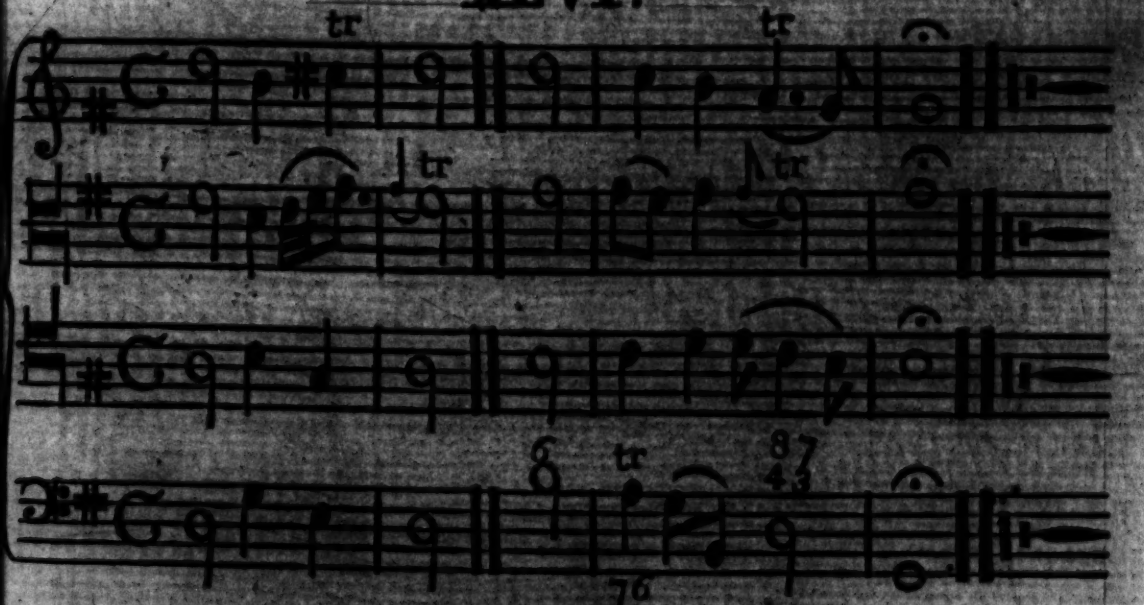

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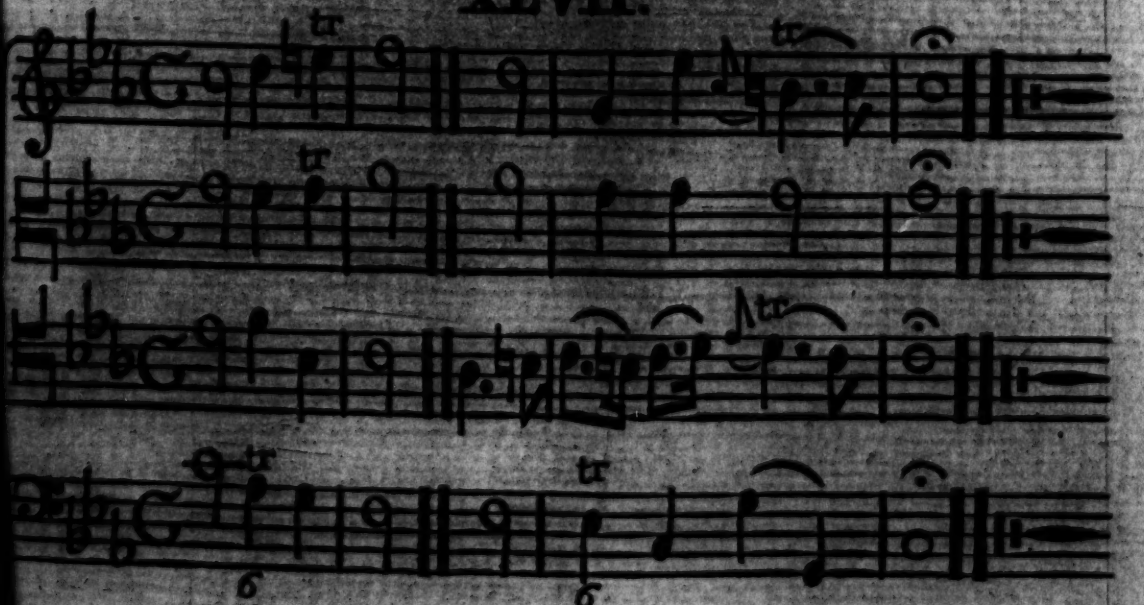

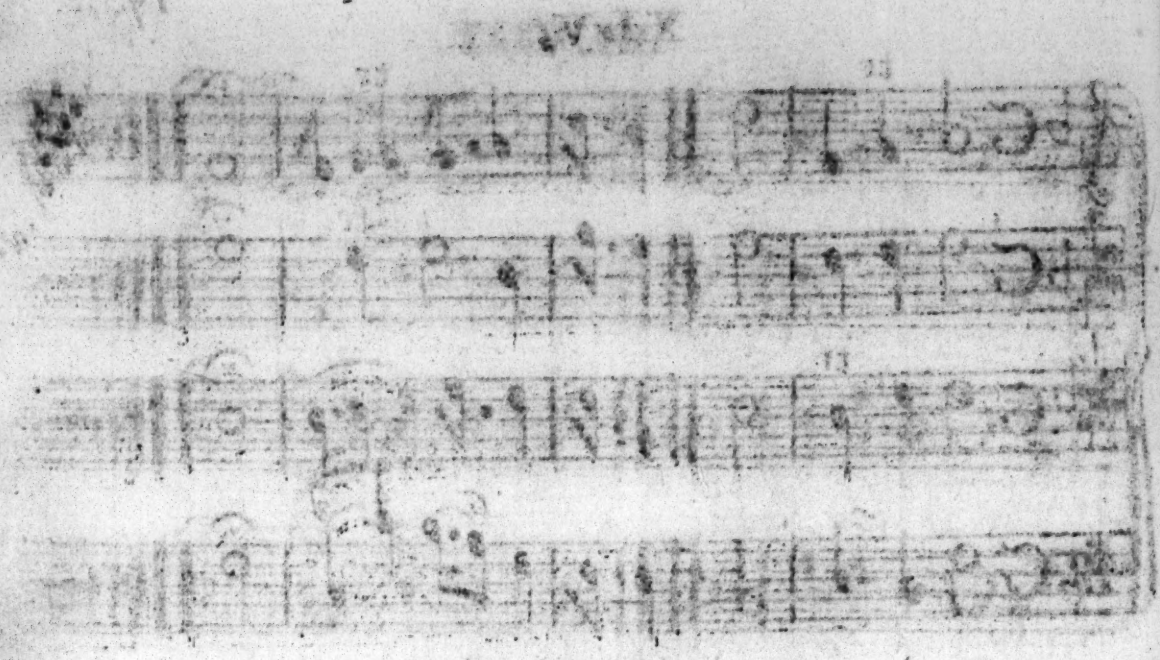

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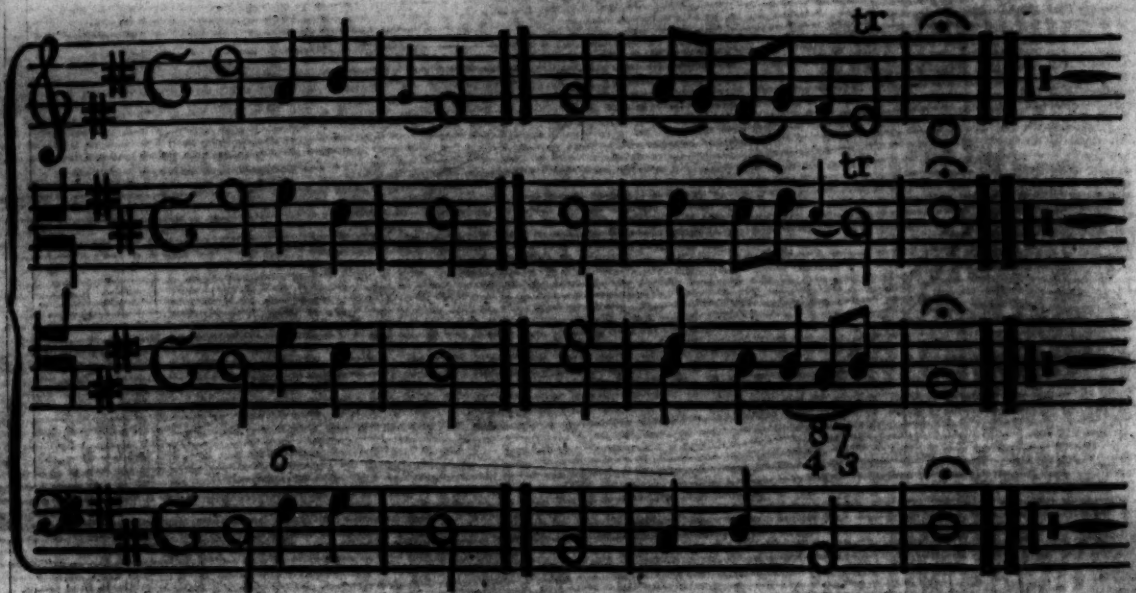

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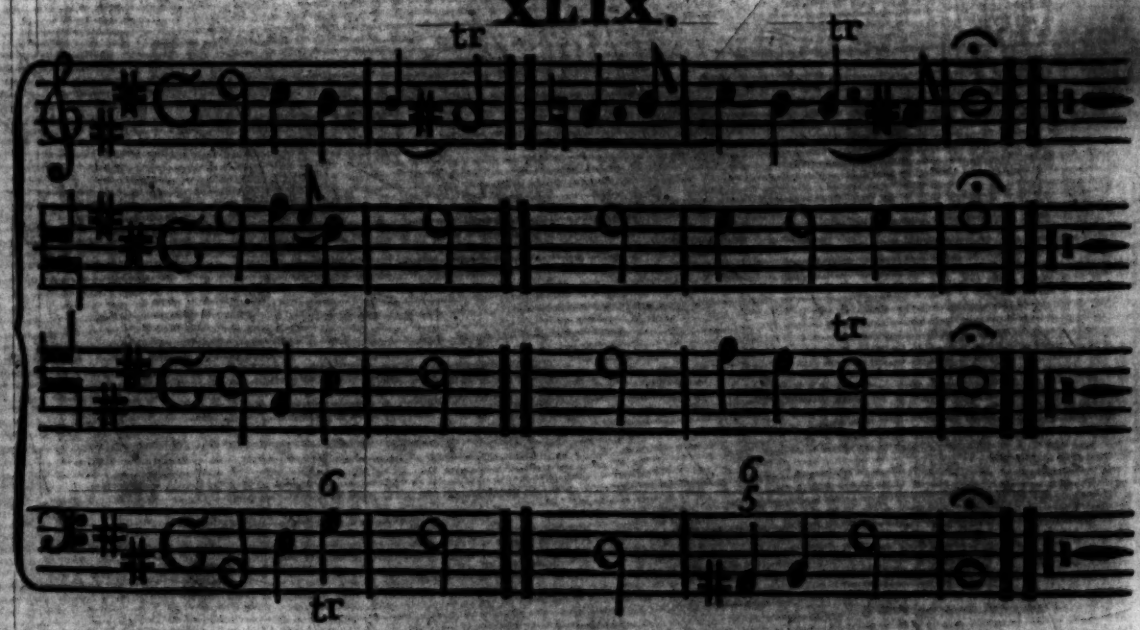

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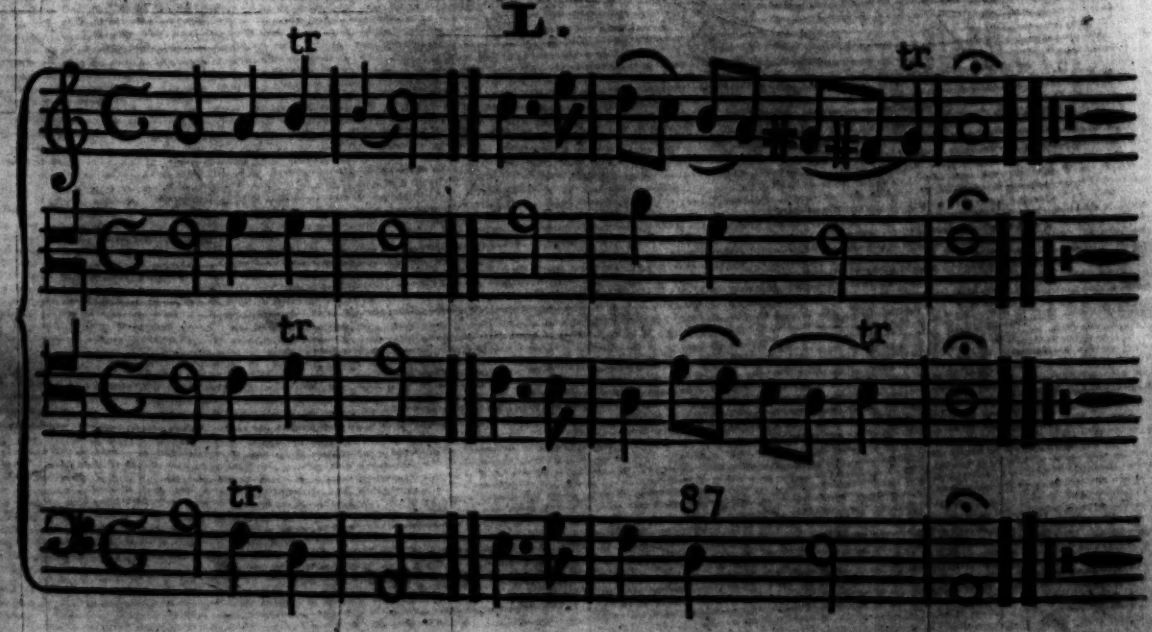

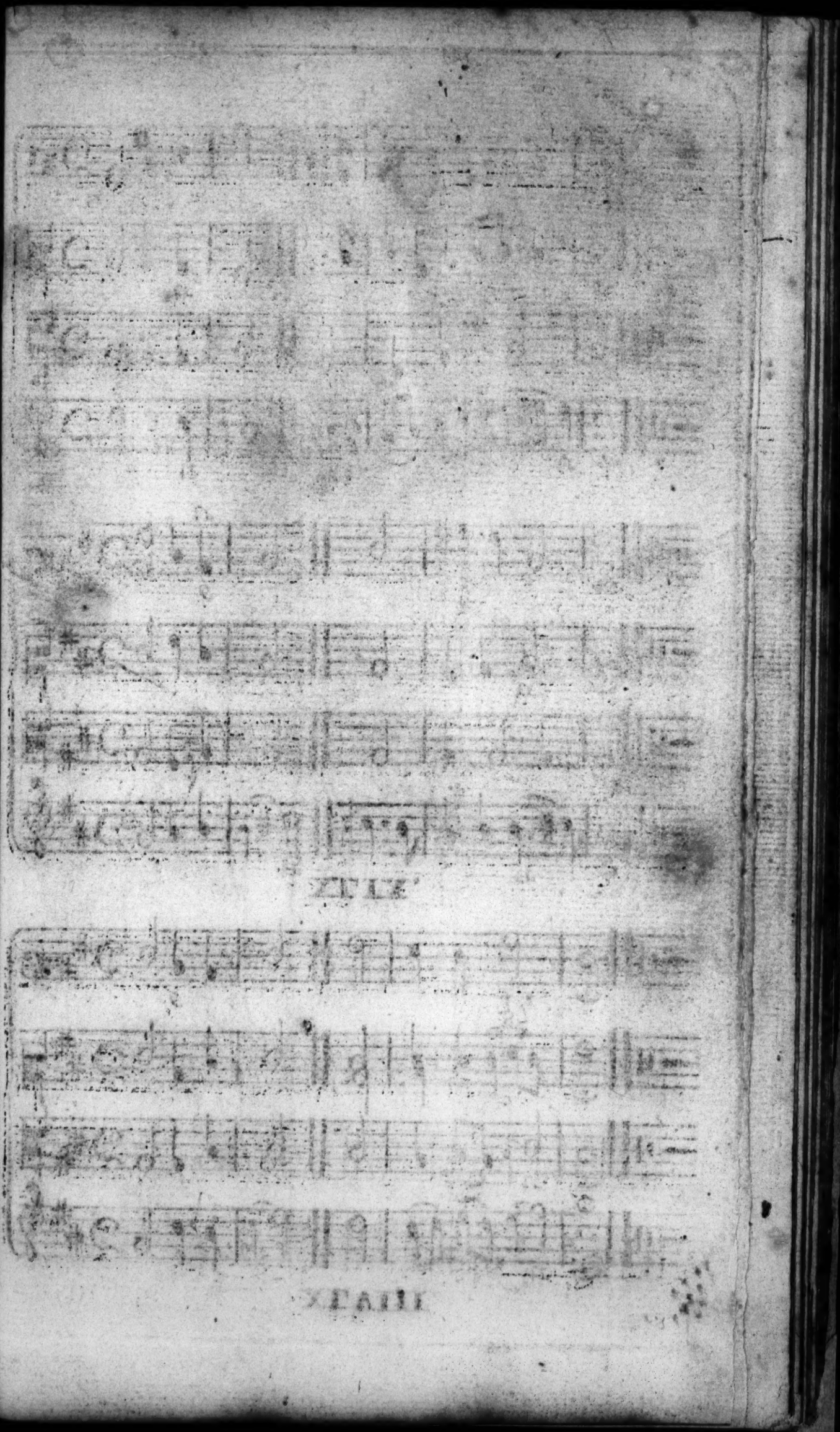

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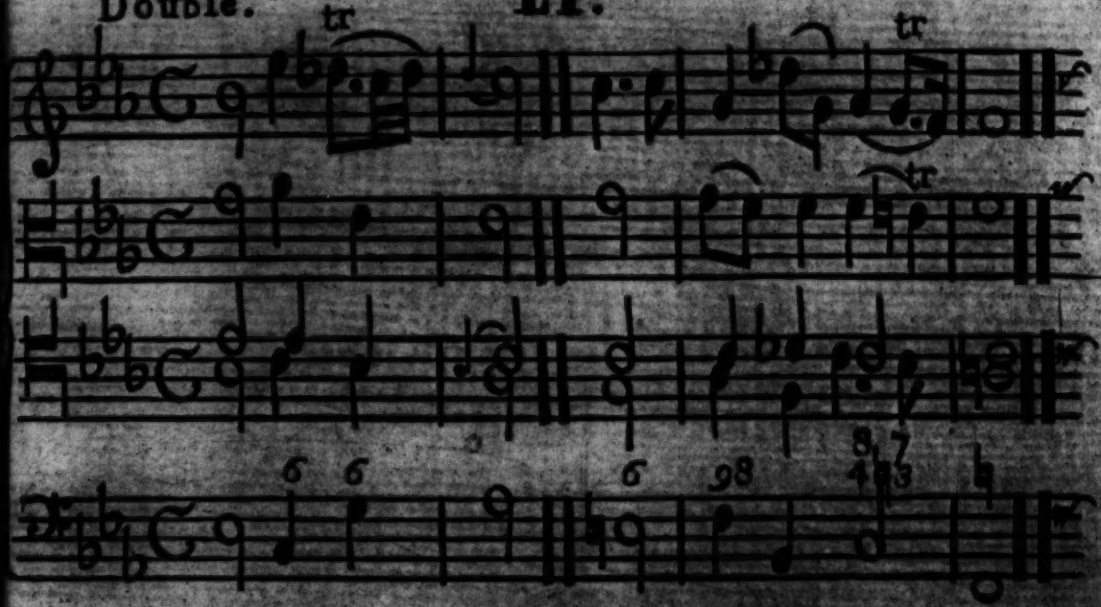

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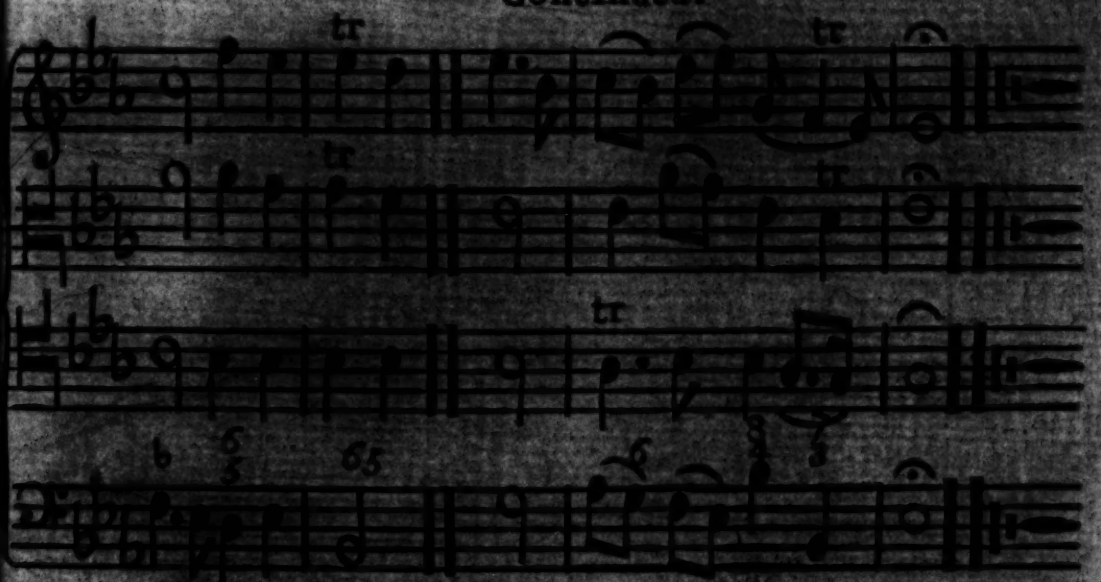

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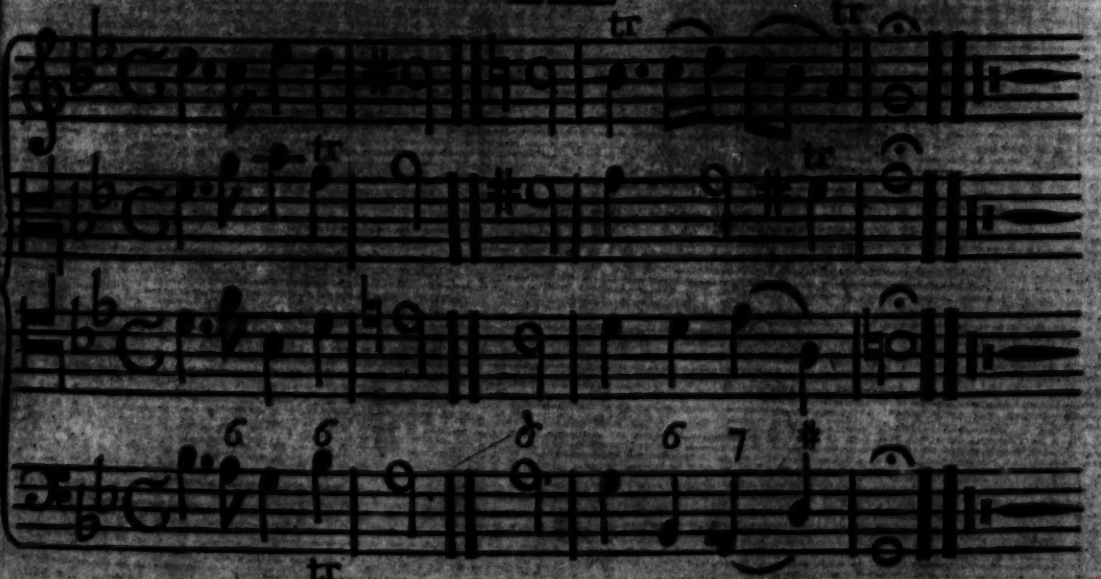

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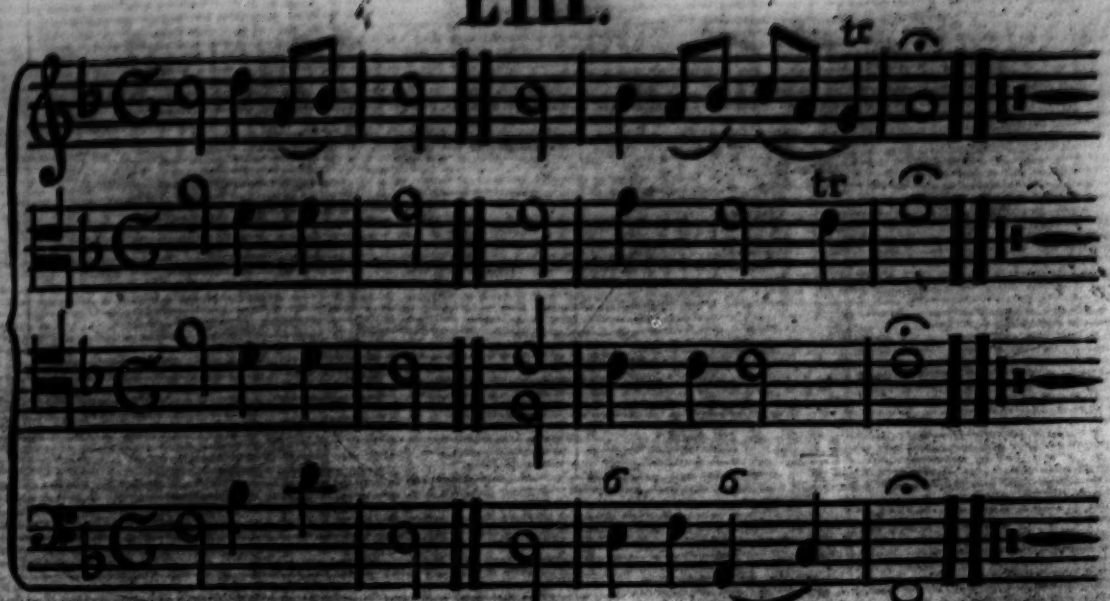

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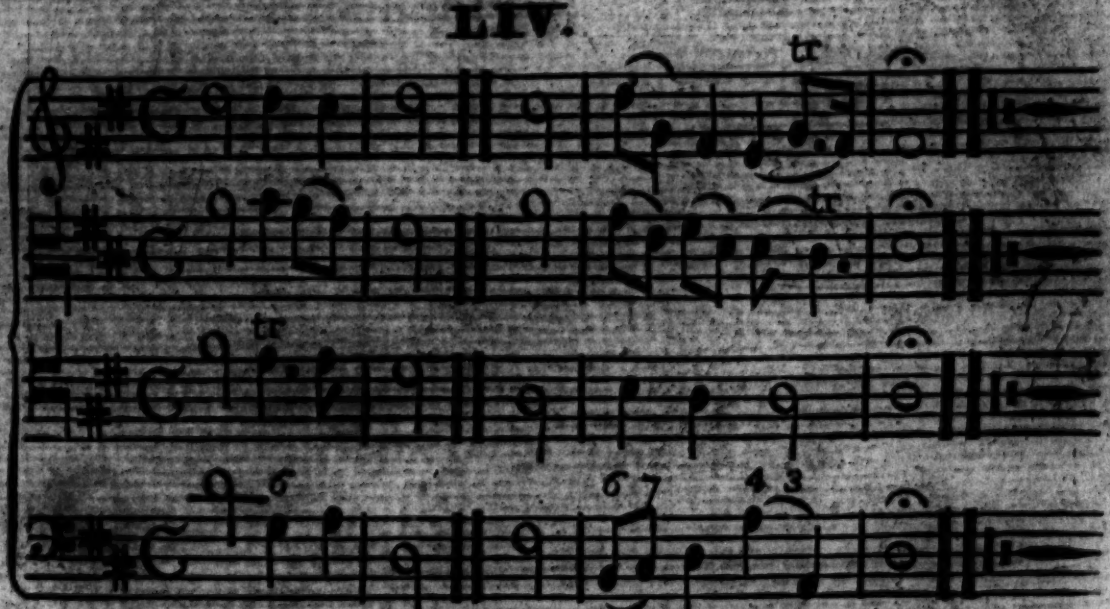

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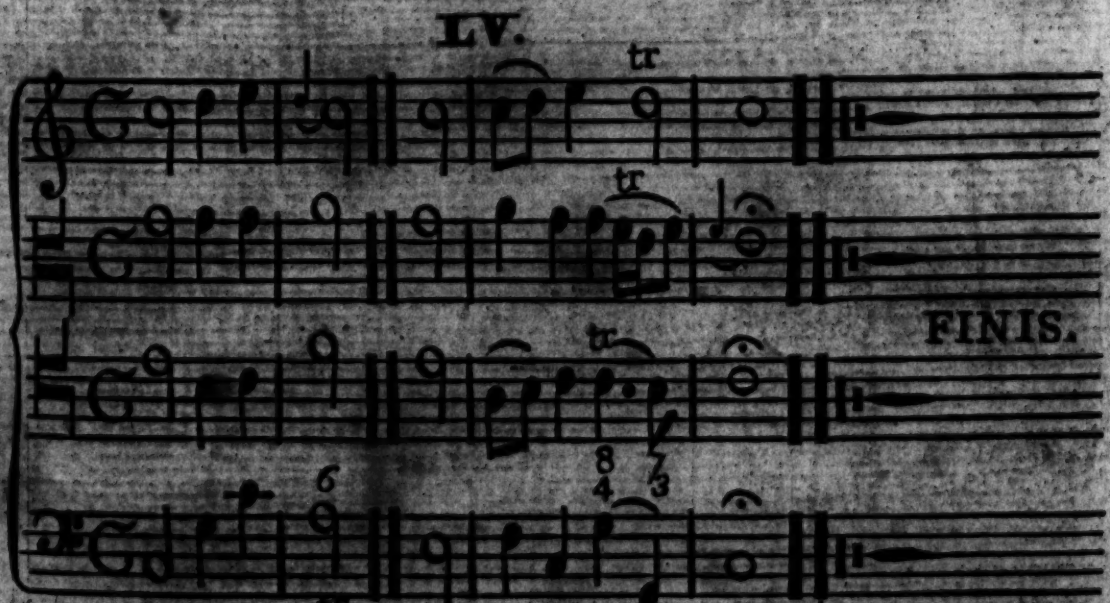

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